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Schools.

Mary M. Longley, teaching	No.	1,	$168 00
Hattie E. Perkins, teaching	"	"	62 50
Clarence W. Brown, teaching	"	2,	31 25
Samuel H. Longley, teaching	"	"	37 50
F. F. Murdock, teaching	"	3,	522 50
Alice G. Longley, teaching	"	"	62 50
Lizzie E. Edgarton, teaching	"	"	120 00
Katie L. Spaulding, teaching	"	5,	60 00
Lillan F. Craw, teaching	"	"	60 00
Edward G. Adams, teaching	"	"	62 50
Lizzie Longley, teaching	"	6,	60 00
Cora A. Turner, teaching	"	"	120 00
Maggie Nash, teaching	"	7,	54 00
Jennie Jencks, teaching	"	"	75 00
Florence M. Whitcomb,	"	8,	217 00
Dr. J. O. Parker, wood for	"	1,	10 50
Thaddeus Balcom, wood for	"	1,	8 50
Dr. J. O.Parker, wood & cutting for	No.	2,	18 75
Dr. J. O. Parker, wood & cutting	"	3,	12 00
Thaddeus Balcom, wood for	"	"	16 00
Dr. J. O. Parker, wood & cutting for	"	5,	17 50
Charles E. Dodge, wood,	"	"	2 00
Charles E. Dodge, wood,	"	6,	2 00
J. O. Parker, wood,	"	"	14 00
Dr. J. O. Parker, wood & cutting for	"	8,	6 00
Thaddeus Balcom, wood & cutting for	"	"	8 00
H. P. Stone, sawing wood for	"	1,	4 00
Frank Burno, sawing wood for	"	3,	6 00
Herbert Phelps, sawing wood for	"	6,	3 50

Frank Burno, sawing wood for	No. 8,	$3 00	
H. P. S. Stone, care of	" 1,	12 29	
Homer P. Holden, care of	" 2,	3 00	
Charles G. Orswell, care of	" 3,	19 68	
Sarah Ames, cleaning	" "	1 50	
C. H. Farrier, care of	" "	3 15	
Isabella M. White, care of	" 5,	5 00	
Granville C. Davis, care of	" "	3 00	
Minnie Thompson, care of	" 6,	5 50	
Charles White, care of	" 8,	5 25	
Harry A. Hartshorn,	" "	2 50	
			$1,905 37

Transporting Scholars and Printing.

Rockwell & Churchill, printing School Rep'ts,	$12 50	
W. B. Wilson, transporting scholars, '78 & '79,	15 00	
John E. Gardner, transporting scholars,	16 00	
		$43 50
		$1,948 87

Repairs on School-houses.

Herman S. Hazen,	No. 1,	$1 55
Willis & Leaver,	" "	25
A. J. Johnson,	" "	20
Longley & Farrar,	" "	50
A. J. Johnson,	" 2,	3 20
William Ware & Co.,	" "	9 00
S. K. Blood,	" "	67
Conant Bros. & Co.,	" "	3 63
Longley & Farrar,	" "	1 03
Willis & Leaver,	" 3,	1 59
" "	" 3 and 8,	10 61
George Vanall,	" 3,	1 25
L. A. Persons,	" "	19 20
F. E. Stuart, settees for	" "	9 65
Ginn & Heath,	" "	4 50
J. L. Hammett,	" "	90
Charles Crowley,	" "	3 50

C. W. Richards,	No. 3	$ 35	
William Sawtelle,	" "	16 25	
J. A. Hartshorn,	" "	5 75	
A. B. Jenny,	" "	3 99	
Conant Bros. & Co.,	" "	1 15	
W. H. C. Lawrence,	" "	1 00	
A. A. Warner,	" "	8 30	
Trustees sinking fund,	" "	17 12	
R. M. Priest,	" "	10 00	
Charles G. Orswell,	" "	2 59	
A. J. Johnson,	" "	10 59	
J. O. Parker,	" "	2 50	
C. H. Westcott,	" "	1 00	
F. E. Stuart,	" 5,	3 86	
J. L. Hammett,	" "	12 25	
A. J. Johnson,	" "	2 40	
G. C. Davis,	" "	1 50	
William Ware & Co.,	" 6,	9 00	
Longley & Farrar,	" "	1 35	
Willis & Leaver,	" 8,	08	
F. E. Stuart,	" "	3 86	
W. H. C. Lawrence,	" "	1 25	
R. M. Priest,	" "	2 36	
A. J. Johnson,	" "	1 89	
J. P. Thompson,	" 6,	3 00	
A. J. Johnson,	" 7,	1 50	
			$196 12

Highways.

Samuel Farnsworth, labor prior to March 1879,		$75 61	
Wm. F. Hews, Jr.,	" " " "	30 50	
Franklin Lawton,	" " " "	4 00	
Elihu D. Longley,	" " " "	1 50	
			$111 61
C. A. Longley,		$128 65	
Franklin Lawton,		103 37	
Wm. F. Hews, Jr.,		202 07	
C. C. Longley,		80 47	
Jerome Wheeler,		39 75	
Albert Adams,		10 50	

Charles L. Sawtell,	$2 25	
H. F. Fernald,	3 00	
E. G. Adams,	6 00	
W. H. Cram,	6 00	
M. W. Longley,	41 70	
Thomas Gerry,	3 00	
F. J. Stone,	4 50	
Henry M. Holden,	78 00	
Willie Bruce,	75	
C. H. French,	7 95	
E. L. Harris,	2 25	
Edward Holden,	6 00	
John W. Stone,	2 50	
George Davis,	165 00	
Henry Elmer,	2 50	
J. P. Thompson,	1 00	
Lancaster Slate Rock Co. Covering Stone,	1 00	
Frank B. White, Covering Stone,	2 00	
J. C. C. Parker, Material,	2 00	
Longley & Farrar, Sundries,	97	
Willis & Leaver, Powder,	1 50	
L. Williams, use of lantern,	25	
Franklin Lawton, Powder and Fuse,	1 00	
		$905 93
	$1,017 54	

Removing Snow.

C. A. Longley,	$6 55
Franklin Lawton,	6 00
Wm. F. Hewes, Jr.	7 65
E. G. Adams,	1 92
C. A. Adams,	1 92
C. H. Andrews,	8 55
William R. Neat,	2 55
Chas. T. Sleeper,	4 35
Nicholas F. Moran,	5 55
Simeon R. Lawrence,	1 05
J. P. Thompson,	1 06
Henry Farrar,	90
Samuel Farnsworth,	4 10

L. J. Farnsworth,	$4 13	
George Farnsworth,	1 20	
M. V. Farnsworth,	1 20	
E. G. Stone,	30	
Abram H. Fairbanks,	3 20	
William M. Park,	2 12	
J. W. Stone,	75	
R. F. Colburn,	60	
Walter E. Griffin,	38	
George Thacher,	1 25	
Albert Adams,	1 92	
A. F. Griffin,	1 65	
E. A. Jenkins,	2 10	
L. A. Persons	8 60	
W. F. Bruce,	60	
M. W. Longley,	2 74	
D. J. Wetherbee,	1 50	
Dexter Bruce,	60	
C. C. Longley,	2 21	
Thomas Geary,	3 57	
Daniel Geary,	1 02	
John Cronin,	1 57	
Dexter Crosby,	1 12	
Henry M. Holden,	1 72	
George Davis,	13 15	
W. H. & E. L. White,	2 75	
Thaddeus Balcom,	37	
S. P. Holden,	60	
		$115 07

Bridges.

C. A. Longley,	Labor,	$40 00
Franklin Lawton,	"	33 85
W. F. Hewes, Jr.,	"	20 75
C. C. Longley,	"	8 85
M. W. Longley,	"	9 65
W. H. Cram,	"	50
Henry M. Holden,	"	8 25
R. F. Colburn,	"	75

J. W. Stone,	Labor,	$3 05	
M. F. Longley,	Stringers,	18 43	
M. Davis,	Lumber,	14 90	
George Davis, Labor &	"	7 92	
Alvin White,	"	6 36	
W. H. & E. L. White,	"	23 35	
Loring Parker,	"	6 00	
Samuel Farnsworth,	"	3 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., nails, etc.,		2 77	
			$204 78

Railings.

Franklin Lawton,	$6 00	
C. A. Longley,	2 00	
Jerome Wheeler,	2 00	
O. F. Lawrence,	5 41	
		$15 41

New Tools and Repairs to Tools.

D. Falconer, Stone Roller,	27 00	
S. E. Hopkins, labor on frame for roller,	3 00	
Ames Plow Co.,	3 15	
Charles Holden,	30	
Samuel K. Blood,	22 70	
W. H. C. Lawrence,	8 21	
W. H. & E. L. White,	18	
W. F. Hewes, Jr.,	1 25	
Franklin Lawton,	3 00	
S. E. Hopkins,	3 00	
Conant Bro's & Co.,	8 09	
S. P. Holden,	50	
		$77 38

Guide Boards.

C. A. Longley,	$4 00	
Franklin Lawton,	3 40	
R. M. Priest,	7 82	
		$15 22
		$1,449 50

Tools and implements on hand,	$150 00
Bridge plank,	25 00
	$175 00

CHARLES A. LONGLEY, FRANKLIN LAWTON, W. F. HEWES, Jr. } *Road Commissioners of Shirley.*

S. Farnsworth, time & expense as bridge committee, $4 85

Incidental Expenses.

E. G. Adams, sawing wood for Town House,	$ 95
Samuel Farnsworth, wood " "	3 00
Charles Chandler, wood " "	7 50
Conant Bro's & Co., oil, chimneys, &c., for Town House,	1 76
S. P. Holden, repairs on Town House,	2 30
S. R. Holden, " " " "	3 25
Fitchburg M. F. Insurance Co., Insurance on Town House,	29 00
John H. Turner, printing Town Reports,	26 00
J. H. Turner, printing tramp orders and blanks,	4 75
William M. Sargent, printing letter blanks, and envelopes,	1 25
C. K. Darling, books and letter file,	3 25
Shepley & Baker, book for pauper record,	1 25
Lizzie W. Thacher, copying State Aid record,	2 25
E. L. White, copying State Aid and pauper rec'rd,	10 00

T. K.Fiske,support of watering trough, 2 years,	$6 00
W. H. C. Lawrence,care of engine and house,	15 00
W. H. C. Lawrence, repairs to hearse,	2 00
Mrs.C.A.Edgarton, flowers for decoration day,	10 00
F. W. Divol, supplies for decoration day,	2 08
Conant Bros. & Co.,supplies for decoration day,	1 60
Longley & Farrar, supplies for decoration day,	1 00
George Davis, horse keeping for decoration day,	1 50
James P. Longley, supplies in 1877 for dec.day,	1 44
Conant Bros.& Co., nails for cemetery,	30
Samuel B. Scott, labor for cemetery,	14 37
Samuel B. Scott, labor on cemetery railing,	1 50
R. F. Colburn, labor in cemetery,	10 12
R. F. Colburn, labor on cemetery railing,	1 50
Conant Bros. & Co., oil for engine,	52
Boston Elastic Fabric Co., Hose for engine,	110 00
Hunneman & Co., connecting coupling,	3 00
C. A. Kilburn, surveying wood at village cemetery,	50
Cemetery committee at Centre,	25 00
H. B. Wilder, recording deed of Lawton land,	81
Conant Bros. & Co., stationery and postage,	25
E. L. White, stationery and postage,	5 79
J. W. Thacher, stationery and postage,	1 20
E. L. White, express,	50
Longley & Farrar,stationery,postage and express,	2 67
J. Longley,recording births,marriages & deaths,	16 40
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on hose,	33
Town of Lunenburg, tax on Lawton land,	2 79
S. P. Holden, administering oaths to selectmen,	2 50
F. A. Worcester, retainer and advice,	25 00
Seth R. Holden, sexton's services,	23 50
O. F. Lawrence, sexton's services,	39 75
S. D. Benjamin, for abatement of taxes for year 1878, Edward Dempsey, 2.00, Charles Frost, 2.00, Benjamin G.Farmer, 2.00, William Gould, 2.00,James McClellan,2.00, Dennis O'Neil, 4.00, Francis W. Prouty, 2.00, Charles Sanderson, 1.20, Frank Seymour,2.00, Albert Turner, .60, John Donovan, 2.00, Charles Fleury, 2.00, James Gately, 2.00, Orange Mossman, 2.80,Sherman Munroe,2.00, Corlis Pecue, 2.00, Joseph Piper, 2.00, George F. Sanderson, 2.00,Ezekiel York,2.00, Wm. J. Adams, 2.00, Geo. W.Sanderson,2.94,	43 54

S. D. Benjamin, collecting tax of 1878,	67 00	
S. D. Benjamin, paying county tax and returning taxpayers and services on dog warrant,	$7 30	
		$543 27

Paupers.

Frank G. Davis, support of Oliver Lawton and wife,	$209 14	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Oliver Lawton & wife,	7 71	
A. B. Jenney, aid to Oliver Lawton & wife,	33	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance to Oliver Lawton and wife,	75	
E. L. White, medicine for Oliver Lawton and wife,	1 05	
		$218 98
George L. Blood, support of Dan'l Holden,	$100 00	
Conant Bros., & Co., clothing &c., for Dan'l Holden,	21 97	
Fletcher & Stone, clothing for Dan'l Holden,	13 25	
J. W. Thacher, expense for Daniel Holden,	69	
E. L. White, express on bundles for Daniel Holden,	65	
G. C. Davis, board for Daniel Holden,	1 50	
		$138 06
Thaddeus Balcom, support of Benjamin G. Farmer,	$49 00	
A. A. Plimpton, medical services for Benjamin G. Farmer,	2 50	
		$51 50
George H. Cordwell, support of John Fletcher,	$24 28	
Conant Bros. & Co., clothing &c. for John Fletcher,	13 86	
		$38 14
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to James Gately,	$42 48	
F. H. Willard, aid to James Gately,	17 80	
		$60 28
L. P. Woods, Jr., board, care, clothing and expense for Horace Tabor,	$47 50	

Town of Lancaster, medical attendance and coffin for Horace Tabor,	19 50	
		$67 00
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Humphrey Caton,	36 00	36 00
City of Lowell, aid to Walter Taylor,	37 00	37 00
J. W. Thacher, expense on Peter Smith's case,	24 85	
E. L. White, time & expense, " " "	22 75	
Henry R. Page, " " " " "	13 10	
Parker S. Fuller, services in Canada, on Peter Smith's case,	5 00	
Walter A. Kezar, services on Peter Smith's case,	10 00	
J. G. Conant, expense on Peter Smith's case,	2 30	
		78 00
Edwin L. White, time and expense on H. Witherell's case,	15 27	15 27
Edwin L. White, time and expense on Thomas Hazzard's case,	6 50	6 50
Edwin L. White, sundry expense for paupers,	3 55	3 55
H. C. Rolfe, supplies for Watson Wood,	2 57	2 57
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Jos. Vancellett's family,	17 86	17 86
E. L. White, time and expense on Vancelett's case,	7 35	
		25 21
Willis & Leaver, aid to Driscoll family,	8 00	
A. B. Jenney, aid to Driscoll family,	10 00	
Conant Bro's & Co., aid to Driscoll family,	36 00	
		54 00
Willis & Leaver, aid to Joseph Piper	27 00	
A. B. Jenney, aid to Joseph Piper,	36 00	
Conant Bro's & Co., aid to Joseph Piper,	4 98	
George Davis, wood for Joseph Piper,	3 13	
A. J. Johnson, aid to Joseph Piper,	39 00	
		110 11
		942 17
Levi Holbrook, keeping 18 tramps,	4 50	
W. H. Cram, keeping 192 tramps,	48 00	
J. P. Hazen, rent of tramp house,	15 00	

Conant Bros. & Co., aid to tramps,	1 05	
		68 55
		$1,010 72

EDWIN L. WHITE,
JOHN W. THACHER,
JOHN G. CONANT,
} *Overseers of the Poor of Shirley.*

State Aid.

Mary A. Howard,	$48 00	
Henry Elmer,	72 00	
J. A. Farnsworth,	36 00	
G. C. Davis,	24 00	
George H. Cordwell,	72 00	
W. H. H. Whall,	31 50	
Michael H. Mullens,	20 25	
George A. Lancey,	17 00	
		$320 75

Additional Pay,

as ordered by Chap. 282, of Acts of 1878.

Walter Taylor		$12 00

Military Aid,

as ordered by Chap. 252 of Acts of 1879.

Henry T. Balcom,	$114 00	
Michael T. Ames,	48 00	
Walter Taylor,	35 00	
		$197 00

Reservoir at Village

S. B. Scott, for brick,	$96 00	

S. B. Scott, for material and expense,	2	24
H. C. Rolfe, for cement,	100	75
James Gerrish, for brick,	26	10
S. P. Litchfield, for stone,	129	80
George Davis, for brick,	42	00
D. Roby & Co. for cement,	21	15
A. B. Jenny, sundries,		65
Conant Bros. & Co., Sundries,	16	58
E. L. White, labor, lumber and expense,	17	31
George Davis, labor,	41	00
S. B. Scott, "	65	73
J. A. Hartshorn "	38	60
R. F. Colburn, "	47	24
S. S. & G. A. Lawrence, labor and expense,	146	80
James Gately, "	5	50
W. H. Cram, "	23	92
Albert Andrews, "		50
Charles W. Lawrence, "	12	00
Patrick T. Corley, "	3	75
Jerome Wheeler, "	9	75
Fitchburg R.R.Co., freight on stone and cement,	26	64
Will Ford, labor,	1	80
Henry Mullins, "	1	50
Patrick Barrett, "	3	50
Perley H. Blood, "	5	85
John M. Adams, labor,	12	25
H. F. Fernald, "	3	00
Thomas Connor, "	6	25
John Driscoll,	2	80
John W. Stone,	2	50
Henry Elmer,	9	75
A. N. Hersom,	1	00
Artemas Wright, labor with derrick,	13	90
L. H. Parker, labor,	1	00
Charles Chandler, teaming,		75
W. H. C. Lawrence, repairing tools,	3	55
C. A. Kilburn, labor,	3	00
A. A. Warner, use of pump and repairs,	8	59
E. Seymour, labor,	1	00
Joseph Allen, "	1	50
Willam M. Park, "	12	00
Lewis Allen, "	3	50

Joseph Either,	"	75	
J. W. Thacher,	"	15 88	
			$989 63

Reservoir at Centre.

George Davis, teaming stone,	4 00	
Henry Bruso, labor in 1878,	1 00	
		5 00

Salaries.

J. P. Longley, services as Auditor for '78 & '79,	$3 50	
James O. Parker, " " School Committee,	57 73	
" " " " " Auditor for 1879,	3 00	
Seth Chandler, " " Town Treasurer,	25 00	
Jonas Longley, " " Town Clerk,	10 00	
Edwin L. White, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	86 00	
Edwin L. White, services as Assessor,	40 00	
J. W. Thacher, " " Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	63 00	
J. W. Thacher, services as Assessor,	42 00	
John G. Conant, " " Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	62 25	
John G. Conant, services as Assessor,	30 20	
" " " " " Auditor,	2 00	
H. S. Hazen, " " School Committee for 1878 & 1879,	56 50	
Jacob P. Hazen, services as School Committee for 1878 & 1879,	100 66	
E. J. Moore, services as School Committee,	30 00	
		611 84

Recapitulation.

Schools,	$1,905 37	
Repairs on school houses,	196 12	
Transportation of scholars,	31 00	
Printing,	12 50	
		2,144 99
Highways,	1,017 54	
Removing snow,	115 07	
Bridges,	213 73	
Railing,	15 41	
Guide Boards,	15 22	
Tools and repairs to tools,	77 38	
		1,454 35
Incidental expenses,	543 27	
Paupers,	1,010 72	
State Aid,	320 75	
Additional Pay,	12 00	
Military Aid,	197 00	
Reservoirs,	994 63	
Salaries,	611 84	
		3,690 21
		$7,289 55

Assessors' Report.

State Tax,	$265 00	
County Tax,	382 85	
Schools,	1,800 00	
Highways,	1,000 00	
Incidental Expenses,	2,500 00	
Decoration,	25 00	
Cemeteries,	50 00	
Overlayings,	224 90	
		$6,247 75
Reassessment Tax,		5 80
Total Tax,		$6,253 55

May 1, 1879.

Value of Real Estate,	$586,431 00	
Value of Personal Estate,	142,549 00	
		$728,980 00

Rate per cent.of taxation, .0078
331 Polls.
276 Houses.
192 Horses.
384 Cows.
12 Sheep.
9310 acres Land.

EDWIN L. WHITE,
JOHN W. THACHER,
JOHN G. CONANT,
} *Assessors of Shirley.*

Amt. paid to Treasurer by collector 1879,	$3,232 36	
" of County tax paid by collector 1879,	382 85	
" due from collector of 1879,	2,638 34	
		$6,253 55

Financial Condition of the Town.

	Cr.	
Due from collector of 1875,	$1,080 01	
" " " " 1879,	2,638 34	
" " State for State Aid,	362 75	
" " " " additional pay,	25 00	
" " " " military aid,	98 50	
" " town of Oxford, for aid to Piper family,	110 11	
Due from city of Fitchburg for aid to Driscoll family,	54 00	
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	14 52	
		$4,383 23

	Dr.
Due to Orthodox Congregational Society,	1,000 00
" " Lucy Chandler,	1,000 00
" " Maria Chaplin,	400 00
" " Sarah P. Longley,	300 00
" " Lucy Holden,	200 00

" " Charles Chandler,	200 00	
" " Ladies' Benevolent Society,	200 00	
" " Jonas Holden,	150 00	
" " Mirriam Lawton estate,	100 00	
Outstanding orders,	231 97	
Due to Charles Brown for bridge plank,	76 78	
" " Jonathan Kilburn for bridge plank,	3 05	
" " Wm. Ware & Co., for school books,	85 00	
		$3,946 80
Balance in favor of town March 1st, 1880,		$436 43

Town Clerk's Report.

No. of dogs licensed in the town of Shirley for the year 1879,	61	
Amount of money sent to the Co. Treasurer,		$115 80
No. of births in the Town, 1879,	21	
No. of deaths in the Town, 1879,	27	
No. of marriages in the Town in 1879,	8	

JONAS LONGLEY, *Town Clerk.*

Amount of Parker School Fund as per Report of Treasurer June 28, 1879.

Amount in hands of present Treasurer,	$3,874 36	
Amount due from former Treasurer,	6,378 82	
		$10,253 18
Amount of Henry Cemetery fund deposited in Fitchburg Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1880,	$741 84	

EDWIN L. WHITE,
JOHN W. THACHER.
JOHN G. CONANT,
} *Selectmen of Shirley.*

Treasurer's Report.

March 1, 1880.

Money in treasury at the beginning of fiscal year,	$119 64	
Temporary loans,	350 00	
Pauper remittance from Fitchburg (Driscoll),	28 00	
Rent of the Oliver Lawton place,	4 13	
Pauper remittance from Oxford, (Piper),	85 75	
Corporation tax,	187 10	
National Bank tax,	316 75	
State aid returned,	272 50	
Relief of Indigent soldiers returned,	36 00	
Massachusetts school fund appropriation,	218 12	
A. Adams, for use of town hall,	3 00	
Received from Watson Wood,	2 57	
Dog tax returned,	110 01	
For cement sold from reservoir,	1 75	
For use of hearse by Wright & Sons,	1 50	
Road commissioners for bridge plank,	2 00	
Rec'd for tools, lumber, etc., from reservoir,	11 41	
Received from collector of the tax of 1878,	3,124 03	
Received from collector of the tax of 1879,	3,232 36	
		$8,106 62
Paid engine men,	$201 00	
Interest on Townsend note,	40 83	
Interest on Lucy Holden's note,	12 00	
Interest on Lucy Chandler's note,	50 00	
Interest on Sarah P. Longley's note,	18 00	
Interest on Charles Chandler's note,	12 00	
Interest on Jonas Holden's note,	9 00	
Interest on Orthodox Society's note,	30 00	
Interest on Maria Chaplin's note,	24 00	
Temporary Loans,	350 00	
Interest on same,	6 00	
State Tax,	265 00	
Expense on paying same,	2 60	
Interest on outstanding orders,	14 09	
Orders issued by Selectmen,	7,057 58	
In hands of Treasurer,	14 52	
		$8,106 62

SETH CHANDLER, *Treasurer of Shirley.*

The accounts of Treasurer, Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor have been examined, and found correct.

M. W. LONGLEY,
B. S. BINNEY, } *Auditors.*
E. H. CONANT,

Shirley, Feb. 25, 1880.

Property of Town.

School Houses,	$4,000 00	
Town House and Engine House,	3,000 00	
Cemeteries,	2,000 00	
Fire Engine,	600 00	
Trust Fund,	4,250 00	
Lawton Land,	100 00	
Two hearses,	600 00	
		$14,550 00

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SCHOOLS.

W. P. Conant, teaching No. 1	$100 00
F. A. Newell, teaching No. 1	264 00
A. E. Heard, teaching No. 3	393 00
Lizzie E. Edgarton, teaching No. 3	120 00
Clara E. Davis, teaching No. 3	70 00
Alice G. Longley, teaching No. 5	168 00
Cora A. Turner, teaching No. 6	84 00
Jennie Jenks, teaching No. 7	100 00
Ella J. Farrar, teaching No. 6	84 00
Lizzie Longley, teaching No. 8	220 00
Sarah Ames, cleaning Nos. 3 and 8	3 00
Caroline A. Jenkins, cleaning No. 5	2 00
Johanna Cronin, cleaning No. 6	2 50
Stephen S. Stone, care of No. 1	10 20
Clarence D. Cram, care of No. 3	17 90
L. E. Jardine, care of No. 3	4 25
Alice G. Longley, care of No. 5	3 60
Minnie C. Thompson, care of No. 6	3 00
Agnes M. Holden, care of No. 6	2 00
Charles White, care of No. 8	8 50
George W. Sanderson, wood for Nos. 3 and 8	11 85
W. F. Hewes, Jr., wood for Nos. 1, 5 and 6	14 87
C. A. Longley, wood for Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8	71 20

Henry Elmer, teaming wood for No. 8	2 50	
Frank Burno, sawing wood for Nos. 2 and 8	12 00	
F. W. Hodgeman, sawing wood for No. 5	3 00	
J. O. Parker, sawing wood for No. 6	3 00	
Stephen S. Stone, sawing wood for No. 1	4 50	
L. A. Persons, wood for No. 7	5 00	
		$1,787 87

TRANSPORTING SCHOLARS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRINTING, &c.

E. A. Jenkins, transporting scholars	$25 00	
J. E. Gardner, transporting scholars	16 00	
Zopher Jones, transporting scholars	13 03	
William Ware & Co., school books, (1879)	85 00	
Cowperthwait & Co., school books	35 10	
A. J. Johnson, books and supplies	21 53	
J. F. Putnam, books and supplies	23 56	
Longley & Farrar books and supplies	3 86	
W. M. Sargent, printing school reports	6 00	
J. H. Turner, printing certificates	3 00	
J. P. Hazen, express, postage, &c.	2 82	
Cora A. Turner, use of organ	2 00	
		$236 90

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

J. P. Thompson, No. 1	$9 25	
A. Adams, No. 1	2 95	
A. Adams, No. 2	4 20	
J. P. Thompson, No. 3	12 00	
William Sawtell, No. 3	12 52	
A. A. Warner, Nos. 3 and 6	14 25	
A. A. Warner, (fire pails) No. 3	7 00	
Frank Burno, No. 8	2 00	
Henry Pilkey, No. 8	2 00	
J. P. Thompson, No. 8	5 50	
W. Sawtell, No. 8	40 65	
C. W. and J. E. Smith, No. 8	1 62	
Henry Elmer, No. 8	1 50	
J. P. Thompson, No. 6	5 00	
R. M. Priest	141 88	
C. H. Wescott	25	
Conant Bros. & Co.,	2 50	
Agnes M. Holden	50	
		$265 57
		$2290 34

HIGHWAYS.

C. A. Longley	$135 00
Franklin Lawton	135 25
Wm. F. Hewes, Jr.	188 93
H. M. Holden	85 12
M. W. Longley	37 50
Jerome Wheeler	65 32
J. M. Adams	82 00
E. G. Adams	6 00
D. R. Geary	10 00
Henry Elmer	14 24

John Cronin	4 50	
E. E. Edgarton	7 50	
James McClellan	2 62	
George Davis	4 00	
Thomas Geary	3 80	
Albert Adams	1 50	
S. K. Blood	2 45	
E. J. Holden	1 50	
E. A. Jenkins	3 00	
Conant Bros. & Co.	38	
Longley & Farrar	40	
		$791 01

REMOVING SNOW.

C. A. Longley	$22 80
Franklin Lawton	11 00
Wm. F. Hewes, Jr.	43 84
Thomas Geary	2 52
F. W. Hodgeman	4 37
George Holden	4 76
Hugh Mitchell	1 61
Patrick Mitchell	1 53
E. D. Longley	9 86
Thaddeus Balcom	10 03
W. E. Griffin	3 40
C. W. Lawrence	30
E. C. S. Lawrence	6 59
E. L. Harris	1 95
W. F. Bruce	2 72
M. W. Longley	1 53
J. R. Holden	3 40
A. M. Holden	3 68
H. M. Holden	11 90
D. R. Geary	16 64

H. M. Farrar	5 52	
J. P. Thompson	3 91	
John Neat	4 29	
S. K. Blood	50	
Bruce Rockwell	70	
W. H. and E. L. White	26 29	
George Davis	40 65	
H. W. Farrar	1 53	
J. W. Farrar	1 87	
J. E. Geary	3 06	
E. J. Holden	4 59	
H. S. Clark	1 87	
C. S. Sleeper	4 76	
S. P. Holden	85	
C. F. Yarter	85	
Charles Sanderson	1 70	
D. P. Kilburn	3 74	
J. M. Adams	4 70	
D. Bruce	1 70	
W. P. Wilber	2 21	
F. E. Wheeler	4 16	
W. L. Sanderson	2 72	
Patrick Barrett	9 01	
W. M. Park	60	
S. B. Scott	1 70	
J. C. C. Parker	1 02	
Jerome Wheeler	2 80	
N. J. Moran	1 53	
C. M. Fuller	2 55	
M. F. Moran	2 80	
L. A. Persons	9 00	
C. H. Andrews	1 40	
S. W. Benjamin	5 58	
J. W. Thacher	17 20	
		$341 79

BRIDGES.

C. A. Longley, labor and material	$12 50	
Franklin Lawton, labor	13 00	
Wm. F. Hewes, Jr. teaming plank	13 50	
George Davis, lumber	214 25	
W. H. Bruce, painting	2 25	
Thomas Geary, labor	1 50	
Emery Williams, labor	1 00	
John Bohannan, labor	2 25	
M. W. Longley, labor	1 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., spikes, etc.	2 80	
Charles Brown, bridge plank (1879)	76 78	
Jonathan Kilburn, "	3 05	
		$344 38
C. A. Longley, setting guide posts	$3 00	
C. A. Longley, labor and material (railing)	2 75	
		$5 75

TOOLS AND REPAIRS TO TOOLS.

Franklin Lawton, snow plow	$ 1 50	
C. A. Longley, axe and repairs on plow	1 02	
J. C. C. Parker, harrow	3 50	
A. B. Lawrence & Co., tools	11 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., tools	1 40	
Longley & Farrar, tools	1 25	
S. K. Blood, repairing tools	2 90	
G. W. Greenwood, repairing tools	75	
		$ 23 82
		1506 75

Tools and implements on hand	$150 00	
Bridge plank	150 00	
		$300 00

C. A. LONGLEY,
FRANKLIN LAWTON,
WM. F. HEWES, JR.,
} Road Commissioners.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Simeon Clark, sawing wood for town-house	1 50
William M. Sargent, printing town reports	15 75
Albert Adams, care of town-house	5 75
Mrs. C. A. Edgarton, flowers for decoration,	12 00
W. H. C. Lawrence, care of engine and house	15 00
Barker Bros., collector's book	1 00
C. A. Batchelder, legal services,	5 00
W. H. Cram, watering trough	3 00
R. F. Colburn, labor in cemetery at Village	6 15
S. B. Scott, labor in cemetery at Village,	13 38
John M. Adams, teaming brick	13 95
Samuel Farnsworth, filling reservoir and removing stone	22 00
C. A. Priest, shingles for engine-house	16 20
S. P. Lewis, legal services	5 00
T. K. Fiske, watering trough	3 00
Horace Hovey, repairing town safe	3 00

J. P. Longley, services and refreshments Decoration day	2 51	
W. M. Park, collecting taxes, 1879	109 43	
S. D. Benjamin, for abatement of taxes for year 1878—John Bathrick, $2.00; George F. Wood, $2.00; Frederick J. Cook, $2.00; Nathan Holden, $2.00	8 00	
Samuel Longley, burners and chimneys for town hall	2 45	
Samuel Longley, postage	4 44	
J. F. Putnam, stationery	09	
O. F. Lawrence, services as sexton	33 75	
S. P. Holden, labor and expense in cemetery	25 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., keys for town-house	45	
Conant Bros. & Co., oil for engine-house	06	
S. R. Holden, services as sexton	16 00	
Jonas Longley, express and postage	3 32	
Longley & Farrar, supplies decoration day	75	
Longley & Farrar, pump	4 50	
Jonas Longley, recording births, marriages and deaths,	12 90	
		365 33

PAUPERS.

F. G. Davis, support of Oliver Lawton and wife	$208 00	
Fletcher & Stone, clothing for Oliver Lawton and wife	8 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Oliver Lawton and wife	3 60	

Longley & Farrar, aid to Oliver Lawton and wife	5 99	
A. J. Johnson, aid to Oliver Lawton and wife	33	
G. L. Farrar, aid to Oliver Lawton and wife	75	
H. S. Hrzen, aid to Oliver Lawton and wife	1 55	
		228 22
G. H. Cordwell, support of John Fletcher	104 00	
Longley & Farrar, aid to John Fletcher	12 49	
H. B. Crosby, aid to John Fletcher	50	
		116 99
G. L. Blood, support of Daniel Holden	35 00	
C M. Miller, support of Daniel Holden	60 00	
Samuel Longley, expense for Daniel Holden	4 00	
T. L. Hazen, expense for Daniel Holden	4 50	
Woodward & Nason, clothing for Daniel Holden	8 50	
G. C. Davis, aid to Daniel Holden	1 50	
Longley & Farrar, aid to Daniel Holden	1 35	
A. J. Johnson, aid to Daniel Holden	3 40	
		118 25
Thaddeus Balcom, support of Benjamin Farmer	121 32	
		121 32

Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Mrs. Nathan Holden	4 38	
Mrs. F. W. Hodgeman, aid to Mrs. Nathan Holden	3 00	
Longley & Farrar, aid to Mrs. Nathan Holden	39 36	
M. A. Hodgeman, aid to Mr. Nathan Holden	17 50	
Lizzie Hodgeman, aid to Mrs. Nathan Holden	3 00	
J. O. Parker, medical services for Mrs. Nathan Holden	11 25	
		$78 49
A. A. Plimpton, medical services for Barton family	11 00	
M. W. Cummings, coffin for Mrs. Barton	8 75	
H. W. Robbins, aid to Barton family	1 45	
J. F. Putnam " "	14 67	
Samuel Longley " "	50	
		$36 37
M. W. Cummings, coffin and robe for H. Caton	14 85	
A. A. Plimpton, medical services for Caton family	21 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Caton family	57 22	
		$93 57
City of Boston, aid to George Washington	11 76	
H. S. Hazen, expense for George Washington	50	
		$12 26

J. O. Parker, medical services for Hodgeman family	12 50	
		$12 50
Samuel Longley, time and expense in Peter Smith case	65 05	
T. L. Hazen, time and expense in Peter Smith case	25 15	
H. S. Hazen, time and expense in Peter Smith case	8 60	
H. L. Page, time and expense in Peter Smith case	12 00	
C. A. Evans, time and expense in Peter Smith case	5 00	
Lizzie Farnsworth, time and expense in Peter Smith case	5 00	
L. N. Warren, time and expense in Peter Smith case	18 45	
W. A. Kezar, time and expense in Peter Smith case	12 00	
S. B. Scott, time and expense in Peter Smith case	14 85	
		$166 10
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Vancellette family	1 00	
A. J. Johnson, aid to Vancellette family	5 00	
Samuel Longley, aid to Vancellette family	1 50	
		$7 50
A. J. Johnson, aid to J. Normandin	21 00	
C. A. Kilburn, " "	4 63	
Samuel Longley, " "	50	
A. A. Plimpton, medical services rendered J. Normandin	1 00	
		$27 13

A. A. Plimpton, medical services rendered Elsie Emerson	5 00	
		$5 00
E. A. Jenkins, aid to Benjamin Clark	2 00	
H. S. Hazen, expense for Benjamin Clark	2 30	
		4 30
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Moses Chassa	4 88	
J. F. Putnam, aid to Moses Chassa	9 54	
		14 42
J. P. Hazen, rent of tramp house	15 00	
W. H. Cram, keeping 68 tramps	17 00	
T. L. Hazen, aid to tramps	20	
		32 20
		$1074 62

STATE AID.

Mary A. Howard	$48 00	
Henry Elmer	72 00	
Joseph A. Farnsworth	36 00	
Granville C. Davis	24 00	
George H. Cordwell	72 00	
George A. Lancey	102 00	
Mary Gately	4 00	
Johanna McCarthy	20 00	
		$378 00

MILITARY AID.

Henry T. Balcom	$174 00	
Michael T. Ames	72 00	
Walter Taylor	120 00	
George L. Fuller	48 00	
		$414 00

SALARIES.

E. J. Moore, services as school committee	$15 00	
M. W. Longley, services as auditor	2 50	
S. P. Holden, services as assessor	28 75	
S. D. Benjamin, services as assessor	34 38	
Samuel Longley, services as assessor	47 50	
Seth Chandler, services as treasurer	25 00	
J. O. Parker, services as school committee	58 50	
J. P. Hazen, services as school committee	48 87	
Samuel Longley, selectman and overseer of poor	61 00	
Thomas L. Hazen, selectman and overseer of poor	17 50	
Herman S. Hazen, selectman and overseer of poor	36 00	
Jonas Longley, town clerk	10 00	
		$385 00

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	1787 87	
Transporting scholars, school books, printing, &c.	236 90	
Repairs on school-houses	265 57	
		2290 34
Highways	791 01	
Removing snow	341 79	
Bridges	344 38	
Railings	3 00	
Guide posts	2 75	
Tools and repairs to tools	23 82	
		1506 75
Incidental expenses	365 33	
Paupers	1074 62	
State aid	378 00	
Military aid	414 00	
Salaries	385 00	
		2616 95
		6414 04
Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1880,	$4268 98	
Amount due from collector for 1880	2561 77	
Total tax for 1880		6830 75

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due from collector of 1880	2561 77	
Due for State aid	433 00	
Due for military aid	235 00	
Due from town of Southbridge for aid to Moses Chassa	14 42	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	600 11	
		3844 30

Due to Lucy Chandler	1000 00	
Maria Chaplin	400 00	
Parker school fund	500 00	
Charles Chandler	200 00	
Ladies' Benevolent Society	200 00	
Jonas Holden	150 00	
Balance in favor of town March 1, 1881	1394 30	
		3844 30
Amount of Henry cemetery fund deposited in Fitchburg savings bank, Jan. 1, 1881	$771 82	

SAMUEL LONGLEY,
THOMAS L. HAZEN,
HERMAN S. HAZEN,
} Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MARCH 1, 1881.

	Money in treasury at the opening of the fiscal year	$14 52
Mar. 22.	Pauper remittance from Fitchburg	54 00
Apr. 30.	Pauper remittance from Oxford (Piper)	110 11
June 7.	Received for brick purchased for reservoirs	6 50
June 21.	Received for stone purchased for reservoirs	2 00
Sept. 24.	Received for brick purchased by Phenix Co.	74 40
Oct. 1.	Received for stone purchased by Reed	4 00
Oct. 3.	Fines for violation of school laws	80 00

Oct. 3.	For use of hearse	1 00	
Dec. 16.	Corporation tax	250 55	
" "	National bank tax	381 61	
" "	State aid returned	288 00	
" "	Relief of indigent soldiers and sailors	95 50	
" "	Support of State paupers	24 00	
" 22.	For refuse lumber	8 00	
1881			
Jan. 25.	School fund appropriation	219 90	
Feb. 24.	Dog tax returned	136 19	
" 29.	Refuse plank	1 50	
Arrearage tax of 1875 and interest on same		1404 06	
Arrearage tax of 1879		2638 34	
Received of collector of tax of 1880		4268 98	
			$10,063 16

1881			
Mar. 22.	Paid Expressman's bill	85	
	Two outstanding orders	10 00	
	Four outstanding orders	221 97	
	Interest on same	6 62	
	Engine men	255 00	
	State tax and expense of paying same	797 30	
	County tax and expense of paying same	401 85	
	Interest on the Lucy Holden note	12 00	

Interest on the Sarah P. Longley note	18 00	
Interest on Charles Chandler's note	12 00	
Interest on the Lucy Chandler note	50 50	
The Miriam Longley note and interest on same, 2 years	112 25	
The note of Orthodox society and interest on same, 1 year 2 months	1070 00	
Interest on Ladies' society (of first parish) note	12 00	
Interest on Maria Chaplin's note	24 00	
Stationery and postage stamps	30	
Tax to the town of Lunenburg	1 82	
Interest on outstanding orders	29 64	
Taxes abated in 1880	12 91	
Orders issued by selectmen	6414 04	
Cash remaining in treasury	600 11	
		$10,063 16

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor and find them correct and supported by proper vouchers. We have also examined the account of the Treasurer, and find his exhibit to be correctly made.

JAMES O. PARKER, }
B. S. BINNEY, } Auditors.

MARCH 3, 1881.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

No. of dogs licensed in the town of Shirley for the year 1880	73	
Amount of money received for same		$155 00
No. of births in town, 1880	13	
No. of deaths in town, 1880	29	
No. of marriages in town, 1880	15	

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Report of the Trustees of Parker School Fund for the Year Ending June 26, 1880.

Amount of principal in hands of S. Chandler, treasurer	4000 00	
Cash in treasury	83 95	
		$4083 95
Note due Lucy R. Holden		100 00
Leaving in treasury at above date		$3983 95
In the hands of ex-treasurer at above date	6761 54	

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

F. A. Newell, teaching No. 1	$137 50
S. H. Longley, teaching No. 1	110 00
Sarah J. Wyman, teaching No. 1	72 00
Florence M. Whitcomb, teaching No. 3	208 50
A. E. Heard, teaching No. 3	137 50
W. C. Colson, teaching No. 3	236 25
Mary M. Longley, teaching No. 5	213 50
Kate L. Spaulding, teaching No. 6	213 00
Jennie Jenks, teaching No. 7	105 00
Lizzie Longley, teaching No. 8	180 00
Ellie J. Longley, teaching No. 8	80 00
S. S. Stone, care of No. 1	6 60
C. G. Orswell, care of No. 3	8 25
F. G. Graves, care of No. 3	14 95
A. M. Knight, care of No. 5	3 60
Bertie Frary, care of No. 5	1 40
J. P. Thompson, care of No. 6	3 60
Edson Wescott, care of No. 8	6 00
Mrs. Cronin, care of No. 6	8 40
Peter Piper, care of No. 8	3 00
M. W. Longley, care of No. 5	8 10
Frank Burns, sawing wood Nos. 3 and 8	9 00
F. L. Longley, sawing wood for Nos. 1, 5 and 6	5 00

O. M. Bennett, wood for Nos. 1, 3 and 8	46 00	
J. W. Thacher, wood for Nos. 1 and 6	24 00	
W. H. and E. L. White, wood for Nos. 5 and 6	4 50	
		$1845 65

TRANSPORTING SCHOLARS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRINTING, &c.

Rockwell & Churchell, printing school reports	$18 26	
J. O. Parker, expense on school reports	1 00	
J. F. Putnum & Co., books and supplies	18 52	
J. P. Hazen, books and express	5 32	
Boston School Supply Co., maps, etc	13 50	
Baker Bros., books	9 00	
L. Sherwin & Co., books, &c	1 20	
W. I. Chace, supplies	2 25	
Harrison Hume, books	12 72	
J. E. Gardner, transporting scholars	20 00	
M. W. Longley, books &c	4 80	
		$106 57

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

John Whitely, brooms for Nos. 3 and 8	$1 25
J. P. Thompson, repairs on No. 6	4 00
C. G. Orswell, repairs on No. 3	3 75

William Sawtell, repairs on Nos. 3 and 8	13 52	
S. P. Holden, repairs on Nos. 1, 5 and 6	2 75	
E. L. Hersom, repairs on No. 3	25	
Conant Bros., repairs	85	
Longley & Farrar, repairs on Nos. 1, 5 and 6	2 03	
Wilder Dodge, repairs on No. 5	4 00	
		$32 40
		$1984 62

HIGHWAYS.

C. A. Longley, labor	$179 86	
Franklin Lawton, labor	68 50	
W. F. Hewes, jr., labor	294 23	
H. M. Holden, labor	94 83	
H. M. Farrar, labor	46 50	
George Holden, labor	60 00	
S. B. Scott, labor	18 19	
R. F. Colburn, labor	46 18	
E. D. Longley, labor	3 75	
J. M. Adams, labor	20 00	
Henry Elmer, labor	5 25	
G. A. Lancey, labor	6 75	
M. W. Longley, labor	4 12	
Albert Adams, labor	3 30	
Augustus Lancey, labor	5 25	
J. C. C. Parker, stone	4 00	
N. C. Munson, stone	3 75	
Samuel Longley, stone	12 00	
N. C. Munson, gravel	7 50	
Franklin Lawton, gravel	30 00	
A. B. Cook, surveying	1 50	
		$915 46

REMOVING SNOW.

C. A. Longley	$19 30
Franklin Lawton	30 50
W. F. Hewes, jr.	62 00
J. W. Thacher	23 44
W. H. & E. L. White	46 32
H. M. Holden	8 00
M. Moran	1 40
Henry Farrar	6 80
George Farrar	6 80
John Farrar	4 60
J. P. Thompson	8 50
C. S. Holden	2 50
S. W. Benjamin	2 00
Nathan Holden	3 50
Thomas Geary	5 30
John Geary	1 60
C. T. Sleeper	4 20
Hezzie Spaulding	11 40
A. M. Holden	9 05
C. H. Andrews	2 60
Homer Holden	3 80
J. R. Holden	2 10
H. Brownson	70
Moses Fuller	1 00
David Huston	5 20
A. H. Fairbanks	12 80
C. E. Young	4 20
Chas. Fuller	1 00
E. G. Adams	2 80
M. W. Longley	4 00
E. A. Jenkins	2 55
Dexter Crosby	2 00
John Warren	7 40
L. J. Farnsworth	10 05

George Holden	11 30	
E. Griffin	1 80	
J. A. Farnsworth	2 80	
T. Balcom	8 90	
C. W. Lawrence	3 90	
E. Lawrence	8 00	
Herbert Holden	7 10	
E. D. Longley	1 00	
Augustus Lancey	11 90	
W. P. Wilber	1 60	
G. A. Lancey	2 60	
Frenchmen	11 00	
H. W. Robbins	1 00	
R. F. Colburn	14 32	
S. B. Scott	9 72	
W. M. Park	3 56	
John Adams	4 00	
N. W. Cowdrey	15 00	
L. A. Persons	8 50	
George Davis	52 90	
Emerson Parker	50	
Samuel Snow	1 50	
		$502 31

BRIDGES.

C. A. Longley, labor	$21 75	
Franklin Lawton, labor	9 00	
W. F. Hewes, jr., labor	2 00	
H. M. Holden, labor	9 07	
R. F. Colburn, labor	1 65	
M. W. Longley, labor	5 95	
George Holden, labor	1 50	
O. M. Bennett, lumber	11 03	
Conant Bros., material	4 41	
		$66 36

RAILING.

C. A. Longley, labor	$20 37	
Franklin Lawton, labor	4 00	
H. M. Holden, labor	15 50	
R. F. Colburn, labor	1 65	
M. W. Longley, labor	1 60	
George Holden, labor	3 00	
H. M. Farrar, labor	1 50	
N. C. Prouty, material	4 50	
Gilbert Cook, material	4 08	
O. M. Bennett, material	12 58	
Conant Bros., material	1 85	
Henry Edgarton, material	4 20	
W. F. Hewes, jr., labor	2 00	
		$76 83

BALLOU ROAD.

Mrs. M. A. Whitcomb, land damage	$200 00	
G. M. Ballou, land damage	75 00	
J. P. Longley, land damage	30 00	
A. B. Cook, surveying	2 00	
C. A. Longley, labor	5 00	
Franklin Lawton, labor	3 00	
W. F. Hewes, jr., labor	13 16	
H. M. Holden, labor	2 87	
		$331 03

TOOLS AND REPAIRS TO TOOLS.

G. W. Greenwood, repairs	$15 90
S. E. Hopkins, repairs	3 00
J. A. Howe, tools	5 90

Canant Bros., tools	12 15	
Longley & Farrar, tools	1 35	
		38 30
		$1930 29

Tools and implements on hand	$125 00	
Bridge plank on hand	75 00	
		$200 00

C. A. LONGLEY,
FRANKLIN LAWTON,
W. F. HEWES, JR.
} Road Commissioners.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

John H. Turner, printing voting lists, etc.	$10 25
John H. Turner, printing town reports	23 00
John H. Turner, printing town valuation	87 40
F. A. Worcester, legal services	25 00
Mrs. C. A. Edgarton, flowers for decoration	10 00
Baker Bros., collector's book	1 06
R. F. Colburn, care of engine and house	15 00
Mrs. D. P. Ladd, refresements decoration day	7 00
J. F. Putnam & Co., nails for engine-house	50
O. F. Lawrence, shingling engine-house	6 00

Samuel Longley, nails for engine-house	1 00	
C. A. Longley, repairing town pump	1 00	
S. B. Scott, labor in cemetery	14 93	
U. S. & C. Express, freight on hose	1 90	
Seth Chandler, collecting tax, 1875	30 00	
J. A. Farnsworth, repairs on engine	1 75	
C. W. & J. E. Smith, oil, &c., for engine	1 30	
Hunneman & Co., repairs on hose	13 75	
J. Bragg, leather for engine	90	
R. M. Priest, repairs on tramp-house	1 10	
T. K. Fiske, watering trough	3 00	
S. R. Holden, services as sexton	36 50	
O. F. Lawrence, " "	52 00	
Elmer Lancey, watching fire	1 25	
S. B. Scott, "	1 00	
Joseph McClellan, "	50	
Samuel Longley, express and postage	3 15	
Jonas Longley, " "	3 19	
S. Longley & Son, stationery	48	
Longley & Farrar, refreshments decoration day	1 75	
Jonas Longley, recording births, marriages and deaths	19 30	
W. M. Park, collecting tax 1880	136 00	
W. M. Park, abatement of taxes for year 1880—Frank Burno $2.00 Henry Barton $2.00, George E. Gray $2.00, Jas. O'Hern $2.00, Frank Mann $2.00, H. A. Tobey $2.00, Arthur Wood $2.00, Wm. P. Wright $2.00	16 00	
		$526 96

PAUPERS.

G. C. Davis, support of Oliver Lawton and wife	$156 75	
Longley & Farrar, aid to Oliver Lawton and wife	7 48	
H. S. Hazen, aid to Oliver Lawton and wife	75	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	6 00	
W. Wright & Son, coffin and robe for O. Lawton	14 50	
		$185 48
Thaddeus Balcom, support of B. G. Farmer		121 32
G. H. Cordwell, support of John Fletcher	$104 00	
Longley & Farrar, aid to John Fletcher	15 96	
Fletcher & Stone, clothing for John Fletcher	4 75	
S. Bragg, aid to John Fletcher	40	
		125 11
C. M. Miller, support of Daniel Holden	63 00	
Woodward & Nason, clothing for Daniel Holden	11 28	
T. L. Hazen, expense for Daniel Holden	3 80	
H. S. Hazen, expense for Daniel Holden	7 00	
		85 08

George Holden, support of Mrs. N. Holden	54 00	
Mrs. R. M. L. Holden, support of Mrs. N. Holden	27 50	
Longley & Farrar, aid to Mrs. N. Holden	28 82	
		110 32
Henry Bruso, aid to Barton family	20 98	
J. P. Putnam & Co., "	33 56	
H. W. Robbins, "	2 36	
O. M. Bennett, "	1 50	
O. F. Lawrence, coffin for Barton child	5 00	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	1 00	
		64 40
Walter Taylor, aid and expense		47 00
Moses Chassa, aid to Joe Peque	5 00	
Henry Elmer, "	2 50	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	1 00	
		8 50
Conant Bros., aid to Caton Family	69 00	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	1 00	
		70 00
Danvers Lunatic Asylum, support of Charles E. Wheeler	73 82	
T. L. Hazen, expense for Chas. E. Wheeler	5 03	
Samuel Longley, expense for Chas. E. Wheeler	5 20	
		84 05

City of Boston, aid to George Washington		17 07
J. P. Hazen, rent of tramp-house	12 00	
W. H. Cram, aid to tramps	15 00	
Samuel Longley, aid to tramps	30	
		27 30
		$945 63

Paupers having settlements elsewhere.

J. F. Putnam & Co., aid to Piper family	32 64	
S. Longley & Son, aid to Piper family	27 01	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	11 00	
		70 65
J. F. Putnam & Co., aid to Moses Chassa		11 62
J. C. C. Parker, aid to Washington Sanders		6 00
J. O. Parker, medical attendance, F. W. Hodgman		4 50
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance Lancey family	17 00	
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Lancey family	3 94	
O. F. Lawrence, coffin and robe for Mrs. Lancey	21 50	
		42 44
		$135 21

STATE AID.

Mary A. Howard	$48 00	
Henry Elmer	72 00	
Jos. A. Farnsworth	36 00	
Granville C. Davis	24 00	
George H. Cordwell	72 00	
George A. Lancey	62 00	
Johanna McCarty	48 00	
Sarah Ames	20 00	
		$382 00

MILITARY AID.

Henry T. Balcom	180 00	
Walter Taylor	120 00	
George L. Fuller	72 00	
		372 00
		$754 00

SALARIES.

B. S. Binney, services as auditor, 1881	$5 00
J. O. Parker, services as auditor, 1881	3 00
B. S. Binney, services as school committee, 1880	39 25
J. O. Parker, services as school committee, 1880	5 00
J. P. Hazen, services as school committee, 1881	43 75

M. W. Longley, services as school committee, 1881	36 25	
Samuel Longley, services as school committee, 1881	20 00	
Seth Chandler, services as treasurer	30 00	
Samuel Longley, services as assessor	30 00	
T. L. Hazen, services as assessor	17 50	
H. S. Hazen, services as assessor	20 00	
Jonas Longley, services as clerk	10 00	
Samuel Longley, services as selectman and overseers of poor	55 00	
T. L. Hazen, services as selectman and overseer of poor	32 00	
H. S. Hazen, services as selectman and overseer of poor	39 00	
		385 75

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$1845 65	
Transporting scholars, school books, printing, &c	106 57	
Repairs on school-houses	32 40	
		$1984 62
Highways	$915 46	
Removing snow	502 31	
Bridges	66 36	
Railings	76 83	
Tools and repairs to tools	38 30	
Ballou road	331 03	
		$1930 29
Incidental expenses	$526 96	
Paupers	945 63	

Paupers having settlements in other towns	135 21	
State and military aid	754 00	
Salaries	385 75	
		$2747 55
		$6662 46
Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1881	$3969 82	
County tax	399 49	
Amount due from collector for 1881	2416 52	
		$6785 83

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due from collector of 1881	$2416 52	
Due for State aid	449 00	
Due for military aid	223 00	
Due from town of Ashby for aid to F. W. Hodgman	4 50	
Due from town of Oxford for aid to Piper family	70 65	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	3089 32	
		$6252 99
Due to Parker school fund	$500 00	
Balance in favor of town, March 1, 1882	5752 99	
		$6252 99
Amount of Henry cemetery fund deposited in Fitchburg savings bank, Jan. 1, 1882		803 00

SAMUEL LONGLEY,
THOMAS L. HAZEN,
HERMAN S. HAZEN,
} Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEBTOR.

Amount in treasury at the close of the fiscal year	$600 11	
Remittance from Ashby	12 50	
Pauper remittance from Southbridge	14 42	
Temporary loan from H. M. Holden	200 00	
Cash received for shingles	1 50	
Pauper remittance from Harvard	6 00	
Sale of No. 4 school-house	27 50	
Corporation tax	4,389 30	
National bank tax	402 56	
State aid	198 00	
Relief of indigent soldiers and sailors	366 00	
Support of state paupers	27 13	
Mass. school fund	219 83	
Pauper remittance from Lunenburg	42 44	
Pauper remittance from Southbridge	11 62	
Dog tax returned	124 42	
Corporation tax	6 13	
State aid	15 75	
Arrearage tax of 1880	2561 77	
Received of collector of tax of 1881	3969 82	
		$13,196 85

CREDITOR

Paid Engine men	$301 00	
Henry Holden's note and interest	202 00	
Interest on note of Parker school fund	30 00	
State tax	795 00	
Expense of paying state tax	2 50	
Lucy Chandler's note and interest	1068 67	

Charles Chandler's note and interest	216 50	
Jonas Holden's note and interest	171 75	
Maria Chaplin's note and interest	427 00	
Ladies Society's note and interest	228 73	
Interest on outstanding orders	1 17	
For stationery and postage stamps,	75	
Orders issued by Selectmen	6662 46	
Cash in treasury	3089 32	
		$13,196 85

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending March 1, 1882, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders issued by the Selectmen for the same.

EDWIN L. WHITE, }
CHAS. CHANDLER, } Auditors.

MARCH 1, 1882.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

State tax	$795 00	
County tax	399 49	
Schools	2000 00	
Highways	1000 00	
Incidental expenses	2500 00	
Cemeteries	50 00	
Decoration	25 00	
Overlayings	16 34	
		$6785 83

VALUATION MAY 1, 1881

Real estate	$566,127 00	
Personal estate	158,332 00	
		$724,459 00
Deduct for exempts		5185 00
Total taxable property		$719,274 00

Rate per cent	.0085
Number of polls	336
Number of houses	275
Number of horses	207
Number of cows	383
Number of sheep	26
Number of acres of land taxed	9304 7-8

SAMUEL LONGLEY,
THOMAS L. HAZEN, } Assessors.
HERMAN S. HAZEN,

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

No. of dogs licensed in the town of Shirley for the year 1881	67	
Amount of money paid to county		$129 60
No. of births in town, 1881	26	
No. of deaths in town, 1881	30	
No. of marriages in town, 1881	13	

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of notes with securities	$4050 00
In hands of treasurer	69 78
Amount for the year ending June 24, 1881	$4119 78
In hands of ex-treasurer at above date	$6802 10

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Alice P. Fay, teaching No. 1	$180 00
George H. Warren, teaching No. 1	95 00
Florence M. Whitcomb, teaching No. 3	264 00
George Jenkins, teaching No. 3	491 63
Mary M. Longley, teaching No. 5	228 00
Sara E. Longley, teaching No. 6	228 00
Jennie Jenks, teaching No. 7	100 00
Sarah J. Wyman, teaching No. 8	180 00
Florence M. Davis, teaching No. 8	80 00
S. S. Stone, care of No. 1	10 90
Clifford Lawton, care of No. 3	14 40
Frank B. Longley, care of No. 3	6 93
Waldo G. Farnsworth, care of No. 5	9 50
Maggie E. Cronin, care of No. 6	3 00
Edward Thompson, care of No. 6	5 10
Griffin and Wescott, care of No. 8	2 50
Wescott and Longley, care of No. 8	2 50
John A. Longley, care of No. 8	3 50
Almira Adams, cleaning No. 1	2 00
Sarah Ames, cleaning No. 3	2 50
Mary A. Hodgeman, cleaning No. 5	1 75
J. P. Thompson, cleaning No. 6	2 50
James Cook, wood for No. 6	2 15
E. J. Holden, wood for Nos. 1 and 6	7 28
O. M. Bennett, wood for Nos. 3 and 8	40 34

Samuel Farnsworth, wood for Nos. 1 and 5	26 00	
S. S. Stone, cutting wood for No. 1	1 25	
Homer P. Holden, cutting wood for No. 1	5 00	
Frank Burno, cutting wood for No. 3	5 00	
James McClellen, cutting wood for No. 8	3 00	
C. M. Fuller, cutting wood for No. 6	3 12	
S. L. Longley, cutting wood for No. 6	62	
		$2007 47

TRANSPORTING SCHOLARS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRINTING, &c.

Rockwell & Churchill, printing school reports	$15 00	
U. S. & C. Ex. Co., express	25	
G. H. Cordwell, transporting scholars	16 00	
Zopher Jones, transporting scholars	50 00	
John E. Gardner, transporting scholars	20 00	
S. Longley & Son, books and supplies	37 48	
Longley & Farrar, books and supplies	11 81	
Cowperthwait & Co., books	6 12	
		$156 66

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

J. P. Thompson, repairs on No. 5	$11 00
William Sawtell, repairs on No. 3 and No. 8	10 25
A. A. Warner, repairs on Nos. 3, 5 and 6	26 45

Congregational Sabbath School, settees	8 00	
S. Longley, brick for No. 3	1 80	
Abner Wheeler, repairs on No. 3	3 25	
O. F. Lawrence, repairs on Nos. 3 and 8	1 00	
Albert Adams, repairs on No. 1	2 40	
		$64 15
		$2228 28

HIGHWAYS.

William F. Hewes, Jr., labor	$99 75
John M. Adams, labor	353 37
W. P. Wilbur, labor	135 23
S. B. Scott, labor	68 41
E. Lawrence, labor	48 00
Joseph Bannister, labor	60 75
Henry Elmer, labor	75
Wm. M. Park, labor	1 50
W. H. Cram, labor	38 03
G. L. Farrar, labor	15 00
C. M. Fuller, labor	5 40
Moses Fuller, labor	1 50
Mary D. Whitney, land	2 00
Levi Blood, labor	7 50
Neil Logue, labor	10 50
Joseph Normandia, labor	6 00
Eugene Vane, labor	13 50
Lewis Stebbins, Jr., labor	18 00
Jerome Wheeler, labor	2 25
E. Seymour, labor	19 13
Lewis Stebbins, labor	27 00
Patrick Mitchell, labor	7 50
Charles Fuller, labor	1 12

C. R. Rogers, labor	75	
H. Stebbins, labor	75	
John Sawyer, labor	75	
J. Barre, labor	4 50	
Fred Bruce, labor	75	
		$949 69

REMOVING SNOW.

Joseph Dawborn	1 40	
Lyman Eaton	1 50	
R. F. Colburn	1 50	
Patrick Mitchell	2 04	
Hugh Mitchell	2 04	
		$8 48

BRIDGES.

W. P. Wilbur, labor &c.	12 16	
William Sawtell, labor	3 00	
J. A. Farnsworth, labor	2 50	
S. B. Scott, labor	5 10	
George W. Davis, lumber	59 24	
		$82 00

RAILINGS, &c.

Joseph Bannister, labor	8 25
S. B. Scott, labor	8 25
W. P. Wilbur, material and labor	15 12
John M. Adams, labor	25 25
Gilbert Cook, material	12 33
O. M. Bennett, material	21 50

George W. Davis, material	1 69	
R. M. Priest, painting sign-boards	3 50	
J. S. Horton, material	32	
		$96 21

TOOLS AND REPAIRS TO TOOLS.

A. B. Lawrence & Co., tools	$18 00	
Fitchburg Railroad Co., freight	25	
United States & Canada Express, express	20	
S. Longley & Son, tools	1 10	
W. P. Wilbur, tools	30	
C. S. Holden, repairs	35	
J. S. Horton, repairs	5 34	
F. D. Kemp, repairs	1 45	
S. K. Blood, repairs, (1881)	2 25	
		$29 24
		$1165 62

Tools and implements on hand	$125 00	
Bridge plank on hand	65 00	
		$190 00

JOHN M. ADAMS,
WILLIAM P. WILBUR, } Road Commissioners.

BALLOU ROAD.

N. C. Munson, land damage	$350 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. H. Turner, printing town reports	$21 00
J. H. Turner, printing assessors' notices	1 50
F. A. Worcester, legal services	25 00
M. T. Gardner, insurance on engine house	13 50
M. T. Gardner, insurance on town house	28 00
Dr. J. O. Parker, vaccinating	47 00
Theo. C. Hurd, recording town by-laws	3 50
G. W. Simmon's Son, fire ward badges	6 00
Baker Bros., assessors' and tax books	2 50
F. W. Divoll, supplies for Decoration Day	2 76
Conant Bros., supplies for Decoration Day	3 09
Mrs. C. A. Edgarton, flowers for decoration day	15 00
Conant Bros., box of glass for town house	3 85
Conant Bros., stationery and postage	1 86
C. A. Longley, labor in cemetery	25 00
R. F. Colburn, labor in cemetery, (1881)	1 50
S. B. Scott, labor in cemetery	9 63
Wm. M. Park, labor in cemetery	11 00
Wm. M. Park, labor in cemetery, (1881)	2 00
J. A. Farnsworth, care of engine and house	6 25
J. A. Farnsworth, repairs on engine house	3 75
R. F. Colburn, labor in cemetery	4 38
S. R. Holden, services as undertaker	5 25
R. F. Colburn, services as undertaker	6 75

O. F. Lawrence, services as undertaker	10 50	
Albert Adams, services as undertaker	10 50	
Gilbert Cook, watering trough	3 00	
H. S. Hazen, express and postage	2 89	
Luke Holden, wood for town house	4 25	
Charles Leavitt, cutting wood for town house	1 00	
Conant Bros., material for engine and house	4 36	
J. S. Horton, repairs on engine house and hearse house	70	
J. P. Hazen, administering oaths	2 50	
Jonas Longley, recording births, marriages and deaths	17 40	
Jonas Longley, postage, express and stationery	3 78	
William M. Park, collecting tax 1881	67 85	
Wm. M. Park, abatement of taxes 1881—John Davis, $2.00; Frank Burno, $2.00; Henry F. Balcom, $2.00; William Anderson, $2.00; Medas Jendro, $2.00; Peter Light, $2.00; H. A. Tobey, $2.00; John Colgan, $2.00; Dexter B. Crosby, $2.00; Peter Light, 2d, $2.00	20 00	
		$398 80

PAUPERS.

G. C. Davis, support of Elizabeth Lawton	$62 00	
H. S. Hazen, expense for E. Lawton	11 00	
Wm. M. Park, expense for E. Lawton	1 25	
Longley & Farrar, aid to E. Lawton	1 70	
Conant Bros., aid to E. Lawton	4 48	
		$80 43

Thaddeus Balcom, support of B. G. Farmer		$121 32
G. H. Cordwell, support of John Fletcher	104 00	
Longley & Farrar, aid to John Fletcher	19 49	
H. S. Hazen, aid to John Fletcher	3 00	
		$126 49
C. M. Miller, support of Daniel Holden to June 1st, 1882	84 50	
C. M. Miller, on account of support of Daniel Holden	45 00	
C. M. Miller, clothing for Daniel Holden	9 27	
Wm. M. Park, expense for Daniel Holden	1 70	
		$140 47
Mary Bruso, support of Barton children	153 00	
S. Longley & Son, aid to Barton children	3 07	
Conant Bros., aid to Barton children	1 30	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	8 00	
		$165 37
Mrs. R. M. L. Holden, support of Mrs. N. Holden	9 57	
Mary A. Hodgman, support of Mrs. N. Holden	112 53	
Longley & Farrar, aid to Mrs. N. Holden	6 74	
		$128 84
S. Longley & Son, aid to Jos. Peque family	59 68	
Conant Bros., aid to Jos. Peque family	7 98	

City of Fitchburg, aid to Jos. Peque family	3 00	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	11 00	
		$81 66
Conant Bros., aid to Caton family		$153 00
Walter Taylor, aid	20 00	
G. C. Davis, aid to Walter Taylor	23 00	
Conant Bros., aid to Walter Taylor	6 38	
H. S. Hazen, express	55	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	1 50	
		$51 43
City of Boston, aid to George Washington	10 89	
City of Boston, burial of Washington child	5 00	
G. T. Washington, aid to S. J. Washton	2 00	
Mrs. M. A. Hathaway, aid to Sarah J. Washington	2 50	
J. G. Conant, aid and expense for S. J. Washington	3 00	
H. S. Hazen, expense for S. J. Washington	2 00	
		$25 39
Danvers Lunatic Asylum, support of Chas. E. Wheeler	133 09	
Asylum for chronic insane, support of Chas. E. Wheeler	18 98	
		$152 07
Longley & Farrar, aid to David Hartwell and wife	47 34	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood for David Hartwell	9 00	

Chas. Chandler, wood for David Hartwell	1 87	
H. A. Goodrich & Co., clothing for David Hartwell	3 50	
		$61 71
		$1288 18

PAUPERS HAVING SETTLEMENTS ELSEWHERE.

Conant Bros., aid to Lancy family	$4 51	
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Lancy family	5 50	
O. M. Bennett, wood for Lancy family	2 00	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	4 00	
		$16 01
Longley & Farrar, aid to Hodgman family	3 00	
E. A. Jenkins, aid to Hodgman family	1 75	
J. O. Parker, medical attendance	8 50	
B. H. Hartwell, medical attendance	21 00	
		$34 25
S. Longley & Son, aid to Piper family	156 00	
O. M. Bennett, wood for Piper family	9 00	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance	9 25	
		$174 25
Moses Chassa, aid to Eugene Vane family	9 75	
Conant Bros., aid to Eugene Vane family	5 87	
W. Wright & Son, coffin for Vane child	3 50	
Edward Seymour, aid to Marble Vane family	8 00	
Conant Bros., aid to Marble Vane family	3 70	

H. S. Hazen, expense Vane case	45	
J. G. Conant, expense Vane case	1 20	
Wm. M. Park, expense Vane case	1 25	
		$33 72
J. C. C. Parker, aid to Chas. Sullivan		$8 50
Mary Peck, aid to J. B. Clark		$4 00
		$270 73

TRAMPS.

William H. Cram, aid to tramps	$43 00	
Conant Bros., aid to tramps	60	
Frank Lafontain, aid to insane tramp	1 50	
Wm. M. Park, aid to insane tramp	75	
		$45 85

PETER SMITH CASE.

Bacon, Hopkins and Bacon, legal services and expenses	$300 00	
H. S. Hazen, time and expense	5 75	
J. G. Conant, time and expense	4 30	
Wm. M. Park, time and expense	5 75	
		$315 80

STATE AID.

Mary A. Howard	$48 00
Henry Elmer	72 00
Joseph A. Farnsworth	36 00
Granville C. Davis	24 00
George H. Cordwell	72 00

George A. Lancy	54 00	
Johanna McCarty	24 00	
Sarah Ames	24 00	
Elizabeth A. Travis	34 00	
		$388 00

MILITARY AID.

Henry T. Balcom	$235 00	
Walter Taylor	220 00	
George L. Fuller	72 00	
		$527 00

SALARIES.

Jonas Longley, services as town clerk	$10 00	
Seth Chandler, services as treasurer	30 00	
Samuel Longley, services as school committee	28 75	
Melvin W. Longley, services as school committee	37 00	
Jonas Longley, services as school committee	8 75	
H. S. Hazen, services as assessor	31 25	
M. W. Longley, services as assessor	20 00	
Wm. M. Park, services as assessor	28 75	
H. S. Hazen, services as selectman and overseer of poor	59 00	
J. G. Conant, services as selectman and overseer of poor	57 50	
Wm. M. Park, services as selectman and overseer of poor	40 00	
		$351 00

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$2007 47	
Transporting scholars, school books, printing, &c.	156 66	
Repairs on school-houses	64 15	
		$2228 28
Highways	$949 69	
Removing snow	8 48	
Bridges	82 00	
Railings, &c.	96 21	
Tools and repairs to tools	29 24	
		$1165 62
Ballou road	$350 00	
Incidental expenses	398 80	
Paupers	1288 18	
Paupers having settlement elsewhere	270 73	
Tramps	45 85	
Peter Smith case	315 80	
State aid	388 00	
Military aid	527 00	
Salaries	351 00	
		$3935 36
		$7329 26
Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1882	$2875 20	
County tax paid by collector	399 49	
Amount due from collector for 1882	1947 58	
		$5222 27

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due from collector of 1882	$1947 58
Due from State for State aid	451 00

Due from State for military aid	294 50	
Due from town of Ashby for aid to Hodgman family	38 75	
Due from town of Beverly for aid to J. B. Clark	4 00	
Due from town of Oxford for aid to Piper family	24 00	
Due from State for aid to Vane family and Chas. Sullivan	42 22	
Cash in hands of treasurer	6 99	
		$2809 04
Due Townsend Bank	733 96	
Balance in favor of town March 5th, 1883	2075 08	
		$2809 04
Amount of Henry cemetery fund in Fitchburg Savings Bank, Jan. 1st, 1883	835 44	
Cash withdrawn Jan. 11th, 1883, for improvements in Village cemetery	245 10	
		$590 34

HERMAN S. HAZEN,
JOHN G. CONANT,
WILLIAM M. PARK,
} Selectmen and Overseers of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEBTOR.

Amount in treasury at the close of fiscal year	$3089 32
Received for land sold to Mrs. Gilcrist	100 00
Received pauper remittance from Oxford, (Piper)	70 65

Received interest and rent from S. D. Benjamin on account of O. Lawton	10 38	
Received for plank stubs	25	
Received corporation tax, 1882	252 64	
Received national bank tax	365 93	
Received State aid	386 00	
Received relief of indigent soldiers	192 00	
Received pauper remittance from Lunenburg, G. A. Lancy	16 01	
Received State school fund appropriation	223 34	
Received pauper remittance from Oxford, (Piper)	150 25	
Received of S. D. Benjamin, guardian of Chas. Wheeler	236 12	
Received of O. F. Lawrence, for iron	2 07	
Received of Conant Bros., for grass in cemetery	4 00	
Received of collector Park, arrearage tax, 1881	2416 52	
Received of collector Park, tax for 1882	2875 20	
Received dog tax	115 50	
Due Townsend National Bank	733 96	
		$11,240 14

CREDITOR.

Paid tax at Lunenburg, 1881	$1 81
Engine men	280 00
Notes held by trustees of Parker school fund	500 00
Interest on same	23 67
Tax at Lunenburg, 1882	1 96
State tax	1060 00
Abatement of corporation tax	2033 62

Expense of paying same	2 40	
For stationery and postage stamps	43	
Orders issued by selectmen	7329 26	
Cash in treasury	6 99	
		$11,240 14

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, and overseers of the poor, for the year ending March 5, 1883, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders issued by the selectmen.

EDWIN L. WHITE,
JOHN W. THACHER, } Auditors.

Shirley, March 14, 1883.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

State tax	$1060 00	
County tax	399 49	
Schools	2000 00	
Highways	1000 00	
Incidental expenses	500 00	
Cemeteries	50 00	
Decoration	25 00	
Overlayings	187 78	
		$5222 27

VALUATION MAY 1ST, 1882.

Real estate	$562,474 00	
Personal estate	149,708 00	
		$712,182 00
Deduct for exempts		7,525 00
Total taxable property		$704,657 00

Rate percent	.0065
Number of polls	321
Number of houses	277
Number of horses	200
Number of cows	353
Number of sheep	122
Number of acres of land taxed	9309¼

HERMAN S. HAZEN,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY, } Assessors.
WM. M. PARK,

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

No. of dogs licensed in Shirley for the year 1882	64	
Amount of money paid to County		$124 20
No. of births in town	24	
No. of deaths in town	17	
No. of marriages in town	16	

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of notes with securities	$4250 00	
Land, Parker grove	533 00	
Cash in hands of treasurer	182 09	
Amount June 30, 1882	———	$4965 09
In hands of ex-treasurer at above date		$7597 27

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Mary M. Longley, teaching centre	$290 25
Frank L. Keath, teaching grammar	196 88
Mary C. Smith, teaching grammar	112 50
Miranda Steele, teaching grammar	75 00
Kate Sibley, teaching grammar	120 00
Florence M. Davis, teaching intermediate	80 00
Nellie F. Dooley, teaching intermediate	165 50
Florence M. Whitcomb, teaching primary	289 00
Jennie L. Jenks, teaching Shaker	105 00
Kate L. Spaulding, teaching East	176 00
Helen A. Woods, teaching East	64 00
Sarah E. Longley, teaching North	240 00
Welcome H. Longley, care Centre	8 65
George Griffin, care grammar and primary	6 15
Frank B. Longley, care grammar and primary	14 45
Willie F. Russell, care intermediate	2 50
Fred Briere, care intermediate	2 25
Eddie Foster, care intermediate	3 85
Waldo G. Farnsworth, care East	6 25
Harry Hodgman, care East	2 80
S. Leroy Longley, care North	8 10

Henry Edgarton, wood for intermediate	$19 00	
James McLellan, sawing wood for intermediate	8 19	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood for centre, North and East	32 00	
O. M. Bennett, wood for primary and grammar	34 00	
E. L. White, wood	1 75	
J. A. Lancey, sawing wood for primary and grammar	9 50	
S. Leroy Longley, sawing wood for North	1 25	
Waldo G. Farnsworth, sawing wood for East	2 37	
Joseph Dawborn, sawing wood for North	2 00	
Homer P. Holden, sawing wood for Centre	3 43	
Charles Wood, sawing wood for Centre	2 25	
Mrs. Thompson cleaning North	3 25	
Mrs. Rowe, cleaning primary and grammar	6 00	
		$2094 12
John E. Gardner, transporting scholars	$20 00	
Zopher Jones, transporting scholars	25 00	
George H. Cordwell, transporting scholars	22 50	
		67 50
		$2161 62

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL-HOUSES, SCHOOL BOOKS, CRAYONS, &c.

Mrs. E. H. Conant, sundries for primary school	$1 75
S. Longley & Son, school books	5 17

J. P. Thompson, repairs, Centre, North and East	$56 01	
Amas W. Farrar, repairs, North	9 50	
Longley & Farrar, books	7 94	
A. A. Warner, repairs	39 76	
John T. Kendall, repairs, North	1 60	
George Kilburn, repairs, East	1 50	
J. I. Jardine, repairs	2 30	
Mitchell Devarney, whitewashing	8 75	
Stephen Hills, whitewashing	1 00	
S. Longley, school books	6 03	
S. Longley, thermometers	1 50	
Waite Bros., books and repairs	12 10	
S. E. Hopkins, repairs	1 15	
Conant Bros., repairs	3 75	
G. M. Ballou, repairs	1 75	
R. M. Priest, repairs	50	
Harrison Hume, books	8 30	
C. A. Kilburn, repairs	4 00	
J. W. Farrar, repairs	1 06	
C. S. Holden, repairs	1 00	
Jonas Longley, crayons	75	
		$177 17

HIGHWAYS.

William H. Cram	$69 66
George A. Adams	82 22
John M. Adams	405 75
Charles A. Longley	153 75
William M. Park	9 50
Lewis Stebbins, Jr.	67 23
Lewis Stebbins	36 05
William B. Welton	14 58

John S. Dustin	$18 22	
S. B. Scott	70 97	
Jacob Briere	8 91	
John O'Donnold	17 01	
O. Nelson	3 24	
T. De Varney	12 96	
Jacob Bragg	1 62	
A. Fairbanks	1 59	
Joseph Simard	10 53	
R. F. Colburn	8 10	
Henry M. Holden	19 03	
John Bohanon	7 29	
Mitchel De'Varney	8 10	
Charles Marie	6 48	
Joseph Drissie	1 62	
Fitchburg C. S. Co., Pipe	5 11	
		$1039 52

REMOVING SNOW.

Clifton J. Stone	$ 80	
W. P. Wilbur	3 00	
Charles C. Balch	1 60	
Lyman Eaton	2 50	
E. L. White	7 42	
S. B. Scott	2 60	
N. L. Warren	5 40	
C. H. Andrews	1 50	
John M. Adams	13 55	
R. F. Colburn	1 00	
J. W. Thacher	2 75	
George Davis	5 00	
Albert Adams	80	
E. G. Adams	1 00	
		48 92

BRIDGES AND RAILING, AND GUIDE POSTS.

C. A. Longley	$23 70	
H. M. Holden	7 29	
John Bohanon	3 24	
E. A. Jenkins	14 18	
O. M. Bennett	2 09	
George Davis	34 10	
E. C. White	87	
		$85 47

TOOLS, REPAIRS OF TOOLS, &c.

J. H. Warren, planes and repairs	$25 25	
C. H. Miner, repairing tools	1 15	
A. B. Lawrence Co., tools	9 00	
N. A. Holden, repairing tools	4 30	
S. E. Hopkins, repairing tools	8 25	
Conant Bros., tools, &c.	11 73	
E. L. White, tools, &c.	60	
John M. Adams, express	25	
A. B. Cook, surveying	2 50	
		$63 03

REPAIRS TO TOWN HOUSE.

C. H. Miner, bolts	$5 50
L. Sherwin & Co., hardware, &c.	14 70
Herbert Holden, teaming sand	5 30
Stillman P. Holden, labor	35 78
Seth R. Holden, labor	95 47
Melvin W. Longley, labor	14 53
J. P. Thompson, labor	65 00

A. A. Warner, sundries	$41 23	
D. Huston, labor	2 00	
C. A. Longley, labor	18 00	
L. W. Phelps, lumber	47 06	
E. L. White, lumber	20 50	
R. M. Priest, painting	235 04	
Artemas Merriam, settees	109 99	
		$710 10

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Longley & Farrar, refreshments on Decoration day, 1882	$4 15
W. H. Cram, do. 1883	1 00
S. Longley & Son, do. 1883	86
Mrs. C. A. Edgarton, flowers	15 00
J. H. Turner, printing school reports	15 00
J. H. Turner, printing town reports	23 50
J. H. Turner, sundry bills for printing	23 75
Thomas K. Fisk, watering trough, 1882	3 00
Thomas K. Fisk, watering trough, 1883	3 00
Gilbert Cook, watering trough, 1883	3 00
J. A. Farnsworth, care of fire engine, '82–3	15 00
J. A. Farnsworth, care of fire engine, '83–4	11 75
S. Longley & Son, lanterns for Engine Co.	1 84
Hunneman & Co., repairing hose	2 50
Express on hose	1 20
G. C. Andrews, watching fire	50
Conant Bros., oil for engine	1 70
E. L. White, expense at fires	13 00
S. Longley & Son, record book	2 80

S. B. Scott, labor in Village cemetery	12 96	
William M. Park, labor in Village cemetery	4 95	
Longley & Farrar, stationery, postage, etc.	2 54	
W. B. Allen, picture of town house	25 00	
Albert Adams, services as sexton	21 00	
R. F. Colburn, services as sexton	5 00	
O. F. Lawrence, services as sexton	55 75	
Seth R. Holden, services as sexton	5 25	
C. H. Miner, repairing hearse	5 25	
A. C. Henderson, repairing hearse	1 00	
Clapp Bros., town pump	12 00	
E. L. White, wood, etc., for town house	9 00	
E. L. White, postage and stationery	25	
Wm. M. Park, collecting taxes	52 00	
O. M. Bennett, wood for engine house	2 75	
Wm. M. Park, collector's book	1 00	
S. Longley, express and postage	83	
Jonas Longley, express and postage	2 25	
Jonas Longley, recording deaths and marriages	21 70	
James Gerrish, expense to Boston	2 00	
Albert Adams, care of town house	5 00	
Waite Bros., lunch for firemen	6 97	
H. S. Hazen, postage	35	
Waite Bros., stationery	35	
S. Longley, telegram	25	
John W. Balcom, highway damage	200 00	
E. L. White, services as Auditor, 1882–83	3 50	
J. W. Thacher, services as auditor, 1883	2 00	
W. M. Park, abatement of taxes for 1882, (David Hartwell $2.00, Oscar Daniels $2.00, Daniel F. Haley $2.00, Charles Hill $2.00, George F. Merrill $2.00, Eben N. Merrill $2.00, Horace R. McLean $2.00)	14 00	
		$617 45

PAUPERS.

G. C. Davis, for support of Elizabeth Lawton	$54 00	
Louisa Bruce, for support of Elizabeth Lawton	50 00	
Waite Bros., clothing for Elizabeth Lawton	5 58	
A. A. Plympton, medical attendance	50	
		$110 08
Thaddeus Balcom, for support of B. G. Farmer		$121 32
George H. Cordwell, for support of John Fletcher	104 00	
S. Longly & Son, clothing for John Fletcher	1 55	
Longley & Farrar, for support of John Fletcher	3 09	
Waite Bros., for support of John Fletcher	5 34	
		$113 98
Mary S. Hodgman, for support of Mrs. N. Holden	19 28	
Longley & Farrar, for aid to Mrs. N. Holden	35	
		$19 63
G. C. Davis, for support of Walter Taylor	62 00	
Louisa Bruce, for support of Walter Taylor	41 00	
S. Longley & Son, clothing for Walter Taylor	2 50	
Waite Bros., clothing for Walter Taylor	2 00	

A. A. Plympton, medical attendance to Walter Taylor	1 25	
George Davis, team for Walter Taylor	1 50	
Thaddeus Balcom, for moving Walter Taylor	75	
O. F. Lawrence, coffin and robe for Walter Taylor	18 00	
		$129 00
Longley & Farrar, for aid to David Hartwell	32 54	
J. W. Farrar, for aid to David Hartwell	19 52	
Fred A. Frary, for aid to David Hartwell	3 00	
James Gerrish, telegram to David Hartwell	25	
Wm. L. Lockhart, coffin, robe, etc., for David Hartwell	21 00	
E. L. White, for aid to David Hartwell	27 09	
J. W. Farrar, for aid to Mrs. D. Hartwell	6 74	
		$110 14
C. M. Miller, for support of Daniel Holden	128 00	
C. M. Miller, clothing for Daniel Holden	5 85	
		$133 85
City of Boston for aid to Washington family		$16 52
Conant Bros., for aid to Barton children	39 00	
Waite Bros., for aid to Barton children	24 00	
B. H. Hartwell, for medical attendance to Barton children	4 00	
A. A. Plympton, for medical attendance to Barton children	75	
		$67 75

Waite Bros., for aid to Keyton family	7 65	
Conant Bros., for aid to Keyton family	45 00	
		$52 65
		$874 92

PAUPERS HAVING A SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

Samuel Sandlin, aid to James Champlin		$2 50
Mary Peck, aid to Joseph B. Clark	8 57	
Dr. McCollester, medical attendance to Joseph B. Clark	5 25	
		13 82
S. Longley & Son, aid to Mrs. Ritchie	4 00	
Waite Bros., aid to Mrs. Ritchie	13 00	
		17 00
S. Longley & Son, aid to Joseph Piper	57 00	
Waite Bros., aid to Joseph Piper	102 00	
		159 00
J. W. Farrar, aid to Hodgman family	8 00	
Dr. Hartwell, medical attendance to Hodgman family	33 00	
		41 00
		$233 32

STATE PAUPERS.

W. Wright & Son, coffin for Tatro child	$4 00
A. Boda, care of Henry Barton	17 00

Charles Richardson, care of Henry Barton	50	
W. Wright & Son, coffin for Henry Barton	10 00	
S. Longley, aid to state paupers	2 30	
S. Longley, expense to Tewksbury twice	5 30	
A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance to Anna Light	1 00	
U. S. & C. Express, aid to Julia Hammond	1 60	
		$41 70

TRAMPS.

William H. Cram, aid to tramps	$79 00	
S. Longley, aid to tramps	1 00	
		$80 00

STATE AID.

Mary A. Howard	$48 00	
Henry Elmer	50 00	
Joseph A. Farnsworth	3 00	
Granville C. Davis	14 00	
George H. Cordwell	50 00	
George A. Lancey	37 50	
Sarah Ames	24 00	
Elizabeth A.Travis	48 00	
		$274 50

MILITARY AID.

Henry T. Balcom	$240 00	
Walter Taylor	140 00	
George L. Fuller	72 00	
		$452 00

SALARIES.

Jonas Longley, town clerk	$10 00	
Seth Chandler, treasurer	30 00	
Samuel Longley, school committee	48 75	
Jonas Longley, school committee	33 75	
Martha J. Conant, school committee	21 25	
Cyrus A. Kilburn	15 00	
Samuel Longley, selectman and overseer of poor	74 00	
Edwin L. White, selectman and overseer of poor	62 00	
James Gerrish, selectman and overseer of poor	52 00	
Herman S. Hazen, selectman and overseer of the poor	4 50	
Jhon G. Conant, selectman and overseer of the poor	4 50	
William M. Park	4 50	
George C. Boutwell, assessor	31 25	
M. W. Longley, assessor	31 86	
W. M. Park, assessor	26 25	
		$449 61

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$2094 12	
Transportation of scholars	67 50	
Repairs on school-houses, school books, crayons, &c.	177 17	
		$2338 79
Highways	$1039 52	
Removing snow	48 92	
Bridges and railing, and guide posts	85 47	
Tools and repairs to tools, &c.	63 03	
		1236 94

Repairs to town house		$710 10
Incidental expenses		617 45
Paupers	$874 92	
Paupers having settlement elsewhere	233 32	
State paupers	41 70	
Tramps	80 00	
		1229 94
State aid	$274 50	
Military aid	452 00	
		726 50
Salaries		449 61
		$7309 33
Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1883	$3799 85	
County tax paid by collector	499 36	
Amount due from collector	1585 38	
		$5884 59

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due from collector for 1883	$1585 38	
Due from State for State aid	337 50	
Due form State for military aid	272 00	
Due from Town of Oxford far aid to Piper family	126 00	
Due from Town of Southbridge for aid to Mrs. Ritchie	5 00	
Due from State for aid to Vane family and charles Sullivan	42 22	
Due from State for aid to Barton and Satro child	14 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	166 42	
		$2548 52

Dur for standing orders	$190 60	
Dur Parker School fund	1993 46	
		$2184 06
Balance in favor of Town		$364 46
Amount of Henry Cemetary fund in Fitchburg Saving Bank, Jan. 1st, 1884		$614 18

SAMUEL LONGLEY,
EDWIN L. WHITE,
JAMES GERRISH
} Selectmen and Overseers of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEBTOR.

Amount in treasury at the close of fiscal year	$6 99
Appropriated money that belonged to Parker School Fund	1993 46
Received pauper dues from Ashby, (Hodgman family)	$84 75
Received paupers dues from Beverly, (Joseph B. Clark)	17 82
Received pauper dues from Oxford, (Piper family)	57 00
Received pauper dues from Springfield, (James Champlin)	2 50
Received pauper dues from Southbridge, (Mrs. Ritchie)	12 00
Received from State treasurer, corporation tax	233 92
Received national bank tax	377 20
Received State aid	388 00
Received relief of indigent soldiers	248 50

Received appropriation from State school fund	222 07	
Received dog tax	123 97	
Received rent of town hall	14 00	
Received from sale of Town History	200 00	
Received from collector balance of tax for 1882	1947 58	
Received from collector balance of tax for 1883	3799 85	
		$9729 61

CREDITOR.

Paid the balance due to Townsend Bank	$733 96	
Engine men	236 00	
State tax	645 00	
Expense of paying said tax	2 30	
Stationery and postage	25	
Appropriation for History of Shirley	800 00	
Interest on outstanding orders	26 95	
Orders drawn by selectmen	7118 73	
Cash in hands of treasurer	166 42	
		$9729 61

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, and overseers of the poor, for the year ending March 6, 1884, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for the same.

J. W. THACHER,
JOHN G. CONANT, } Auditors.

Shirley, March 12, 1884.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

State tax	$645 00	
County tax	499 36	
Schools	1900 00	
Highways	1000 00	
Incidentals	1500 00	
Cemeteries	25 00	
Decoration	25 00	
Overlayings	290 23	
		$5884 59

VALUATION MAY 1ST, 1883.

Real estate	$560,294 00	
Personal estate	141,159 00	
		$701,453 00
Deduct for exempts		7,235 00
Total taxable property		$694,218 00

Rate per cent	.0075
Number of polls	333
Number of houses	281
Number of horses	197
Number of cows	363
Number of sheep	86
Number of acres of land taxed	9351 15-16

GEO. C. BOUTWELL,
M. W. LONGLEY,
WM. M. PARK,
} Assessors of Shirley.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF REGISTRATION.

Marriages for the year 1883.

Jan. 2. Chas. H. Norcross and Minnie M. Brown, Rindge, N. H.

Feb. 11. Chas. A. Davis, Shirley, and Annie Flagg, Mason, N. H.

Mar. 31. Dennis O'Neil and Kate Flynn, Shirley.

Mar. 31. Edward J. Holden and Nannie E. Chandler, Shirley.

Apr. 1. Moses Hunt and Georgianna Pippin, Shirley.

May 10. Otis Kittredge, Shirley, and Sarah A. Keyes, Ayer.

May 14. Samuel H. Longley and Lizzie E. Edgarton, Shirley.

June 17. John F. Kittredge, Shirley, and Georgianna P. Fairbanks, Lunenburg.

July 7. Michael J. McDonough and Eliza Murphy, Shirley.

July 8. George Chanvin and Emma F. Jones, Shirley.

July 18. William C. Lapoint, Ayer, and Mary M. Butcher, Shirley.

July 28. Horace G. Hartwell and Mary Jane Jennings, Pepperell.

Aug. 5. Horatio N. Norcross and Marion A. Carr, Harvard.

Aug. 18. Chas. E. Murray and Anna Bruso, Shirley.

Sept. 1. Joseph Obershaw and Alice A. Tenney, Leominster.

Sept. 5. Edward F. Kane, Shirley, and Catherine Murray, Gardner.

Sept. 13. Michael Varney, Groton and Emerett B. Clark, Ayer.

Sept. 23. Fred A. Lawton, Shirley and Emma Wood, Ayer.

Sept. 28. Peter Pratt and Adelia Langue, Shirley,

Oct. 11. Leon B. Currier and Lettie F. Kittredge, Leominister.

Nov. 3. William A. Farquhar and Florence E. Smith, Leominister.

Dec. 26. William Watson, Somersworth, N. H. and Catherine L. Spaulding, Shirley.

Deaths for the year 1883.

Jan.	11.	Joseph Vane, 1 yr., Shirley.
Feb.	13.	Visa Pierce, 92 yrs. 10 mos., Harvard.
March	3.	Maria Chaplain, 75 yrs. 9 mos. 20 dys., Shirley.
March	6.	Betsey Little, 82 yrs. 2 mos., Shirley.
April	7.	Adeline Holden, 75 yrs. 9 mos. 12 dys., Shirley.
April	12.	H. G. Barrows, 66 yrs. 10 mos., Boston.
May	2.	James O. Parker, 71 yrs. 11 mos., Shirley.
May	13.	Leigh H. Vincent, 3 yrs. 10 mos. 14 dys. Mexico, N. Y.
May	27.	Julia C. Crossman, 41 yrs. 6 mos., Barre, Vt.
July	5.	Jerome Wheeler, 50 yrs. 5 mos. 7 dys., Canada.
July	19.	Frank F. Ayers, 18 yrs. 2 mos. 21 dys., Clinton.
July	24.	James Hayes, 71 yrs. 5 mos. 24 dys., England.
Sept.	6.	Julia M. Hazen, 39 yrs. 24 dys., Shirley.
Sept.	9.	George Tatro, 4 yrs. 6 dys., Shirley.
Sept.	14.	Mary A. Williams, 41 yrs. 11 mos. 28 dys., Shirley.
Sept.	25.	Leon A. Kittredge, 3 mos. 16 dys., Shirley,
Nov.	11.	Walter Taylor, 39 yrs. 6 mos. 22 dys., Shirley.
Nov.	27.	George W. Hodgman, 15 yrs. 3 mos. 24 dys., Shirley.
Dec.	8.	Hannah B. Crosbee, 64 yrs. 4 mos. 4 dys., Groton.
Dec.	11.	David Hartwell, 77 yrs. 4 mos. 25 dys., Shirley.
Dec.	25.	Eliza Orswell, 53 yrs. 9 mos. 3 dys., Canada.

BIRTHS.—Twenty-seven births have been Registered in the Town of Shirley, for the year 1883. Sixteen males, and eleven females.

DOGS.—Sixty-six Dogs have been registered and licensed in the Town of Shirley, from May 1st, 1883, to May 1st, 1884. Sixty-three males and three females. The amount of fees received $141.

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of notes with securities	$2550 00	
Land, Parker grove, cost	533 00	
Cash in hands of treasurer	48 00	
Amount due from Town of Shirley	1993 46	
		$5124 46
In hands of ex-treasurer		$8053 10

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Mary M. Longley, teaching centre	$200 00
Mary E. Adams, teaching centre	100 00
B. B. Platner, teaching grammar	165 00
W. I. Park, teaching grammar	360 00
Nellie F. Dooly, teaching intermediate	270 00
Florence M. Whitcomb, teaching primary	300 00
Jennie L. Jencks, teaching Shaker	100 00
Helen A. Woods, teaching East	88 00
Nellie A. Adams, teaching East	141 00
Sara E. Longley, teaching North	240 00
Eddie Thompson, care center	2 50
Florence L. Adams, care center	2 50
Everett Lancey, care center	3 50
George L. Walls, care grammar	13 85
Charles Jardine, care grammar	7 20
Eddie Foster, care intermediate	2 50
Jeremiah Flynn, care intermediate	6 00
Harry Hodgman, care East	2 75
Walter A. Knight, care East	5 55
S. Le Roy Longley, care North	8 10
Samuel Farnsworth, wood for center	12 00
George Davis, wood for No. 3 and 8	44 40
Samuel Farnsworth, wood for East	6 00

Samuel Farnsworth, wood for North	$10 00	
John Whiteley, care and wood for Shaker	5 00	
Albert E. Andrews, sawing wood No 1	3 75	
Albert E. Andrews, sawing wood No. 3	2 00	
Harley Stebbins, sawing wood No 3	1 00	
Waldo G. Farnsworth, sawing wood No. 5	1 87	
S. Le Roy Longley, sawing wood No. 6	3 12	
J. P. Thompson, whitening No. 3	4 00	
Albert E. Andrews, cleaning and whitening No. 3	3 00	
J. P. Thompson, whitening No. 5	4 00	
W. C. Osmer, cleaning windows No. 3 and 8	3 00	
Henry Bruso, mowing yard and cleaning No. 8	1 00	
Frank W. Hodgman, cleaning No. 1	3 00	
B. W. Robbins, cleaning No. 3 and 8	2 00	
Albert E. Andrews, cleaning No. 3	5 00	
Mrs. Rowe, cleaning No. 8	2 00	
Frank W. Hodgman, cleaning No. 5	2 00	
Olof Nelson, cleaning No. 6	3 00	
Zopher Jones, transporting scholars	50 00	
John E. Gardner, transporting scholars	25 00	
		$2214 59

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL-HOUSES, SCHOOL BOOKS, CRAYONS, &c.

C. A. Kilburn, postage, expense, &c., for teachers	$1 75
David Huston, repairs to No. 1	1 82
John W. Farrar, repairs to No. 1	2 28

A. A. Warner, repairs to No. 1	$17 28	
Wilder Dodge, repairs to No. 1	2 25	
Seth R. Holden, repairs to No. 1	2 00	
Waite Brothers, repairs to No. 3 and 8	3 43	
C. H. Miner, repairs to No. 3	1 50	
Henry Elmer, repairs to No. 3	6 00	
John W. Farrar, repairs to No. 3	60	
William Sawtell, repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	3 50	
U. A. Warner, repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	9 00	
R. M. Priest, repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	12 69	
Conant Brothers, &c., repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	95	
Jonas Longley, repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	32	
G. M. Ballou, repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	2 35	
John W. Farrar, repairs to No. 5	1 68	
W. Wright & Son, repairs to No. 5	1 75	
David Huston, repairs to No. 5	25	
George H. Powers, repairs to No. 5	1 00	
David Huston, repairs to No. 6	1 25	
Wilder Dodge, repairs to No. 6	2 00	
Carroll W. Clark, blackboard paint	10 00	
Seth R. Holden, three book-cases	15 30	
G. M. Ballou, three book-cases	15 00	
David Huston, painting three book-cases	2 25	
John Whiteley, expense to Boston	2 00	
Jonas Longley, expense to Boston three times	5 00	
		$125 20

Waite Brothers, school books	$39 35
Samuel Longley, school books	2 70
Harrison Hume, school books	36 33
George F. King & Merrill, school books	68 07
E. H. Butler & Co., school books	105 17

Knight, Adams & Co., school books	$123 67	
J. W. Farrar, school books,	7 78	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., school books,	6 00	
A. C. Stockin, school books	26 10	
Clark & Maynard, school books	10 08	
Carroll W. Clark, school books	12 00	
William Ware & Co., school books	72 90	
Jonas Longley, express on school-books	8 95	
		$519 10

HIGHWAYS.

John M. Adams	$462 57
George A. Adams	91 92
S. Reardon	73 29
C. A. Longley	114 50
Olof Nelson	25 51
L. Stebbins, jr.	38 88
L. Stebbins	54 66
G. A. Lancey	8 10
William H. Cram	91 11
William H. Cram, for gravel	12 15
M. W. Longley, for gravel	10 00
R. F. Colburn	42 51
James Gately	4 86
James Murphy	19 44
James Bulger	18 63
J. L. Sargent	8 10
John O'Donnell	15 39
George White	3 24
John Bohanon	16 20
John W. Stone	9 30
L. Andrews	4 05

Patrick Mitchell	9 72	
William M. Park	125 87	
Levi Blood	4 87	
S. B. Scott	3 85	
C. A. Longley, expense, &c. on drain pipe	2 19	
City of Fitchburg, for drain pipe	20 80	
A. A. Warner, drain pipe	7 10	
		$1298 81

REMOVING SNOW

R. F. Colburn	$2 00	
C. A. Longley	14 00	
C. A. Longley, cash paid to sundry persons for same	44 39	
George A. Adams	4 17	
Thaddeus Balcom	1 57	
J. W. Thacher & Son	12 00	
Franklin Lawton	1 50	
Almond M. Holden	1 35	
S. W. Benjamin	3 50	
Henry Elmer	1 50	
George Davis	12 00	
S. D. Benjamin	1 50	
W. B. Wilson	4 98	
George A. Adams	2 62	
John M. Adams	12 00	
Edwin L. White	7 07	
Patrick Mitchell	1 35	
		$127 50

BRIDGES AND RAILING.

George Davis, plank	$49 37	
Edwin L. White, plank	70 72	
C. H. Andrews, railing	1 00	
		$121 09
Bridge plank on hand		$108 00

TOOLS, REPAIRS OF TOOLS, &c.

George Tyler, for road machine	$215 00	
C. A. Longley, for freight and expense for new road machine	8 84	
John W. Farrar, repairs to plow	2 75	
C. H. Miner, repairs to tools	15 15	
John Bohanon, repairs to tools	1 50	
C. H. Miner, repairs to tools	10 50	
Conant Brothers & Co., tools, &c.	10 61	
J. T. Kendall, pole for road machine	2 50	
C. H. Miner, repairs to tools	50	
C. A. Kilburn, new tools	2 30	
N. A. Holden, repairs to tools	2 25	
E. L. White, plank for plow beam	75	
		$272 65

NEW ROAD TO LANCASTER.

R. F. Colburn	$20 65
L. Stebbins	20 25
George A. Adams	17 01
M. Devarney	8 10
Dennis O'Neil	8 10
J. O'Donnell	7 29
John M. Adams	98 00

F. Bulger	$9 72	
J. Normandia	8 10	
J. Murphy	12 96	
William H. Cram	16 60	
C. A. Longley	34 00	
J. Whiteley, road damage	400 00	
George A. Adams	3 24	
Thomas O'Connor	3 24	
O. M. Bennett, railing, posts, &c.	10 03	
Charles W. Waters	3 24	
M. J. McDonough	1 62	
M. Devarney	1 62	
A. B. Cook, surveying	8 00	
C. A. Longley, labor and freight (freight 25)	4 25	
John M. Adams	16 00	
R. Metcalf, for one tree puller	8 00	
D. O'Neil	3 24	
John Whiteley, stone	20 00	
William M. Park	17 00	
R. Metcalf, setting up stump machine	3 00	
		$736 26

NEW ROAD NEAR DEPOT.

T. Gately	$9 72
R. F. Colburn	8 91
L. Stebbins	19 03
George A. Adams	13 77
M. Devarney	11 34
J. O'Donnell	6 48
John M. Adams	77 00
Franklin Lawton	4 50
M. Gately	2 83
H. C. Owens	1 62

J. Normandia	$12 96	
J. Murphy	14 58	
William H. Cram	9 72	
C. A. Longley	22 00	
C. A. Longley	7 00	
William M. Park	24 60	
	———	$246 06

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Samuel Longley, for express on school reports	$ 15
C. H. Miner, for repairing hearse	7 50
John H. Turner, for printing treasurer blanks	3 00
John H. Turner, for printing town reports	23 50
John H. Turner, for printing school reports	15 00
R. J. Phillips, for highway damage	6 00
U. S. & C. Express, for transporting hose	1 05
A. S. Jackson, for hose and repairs for engine	234 97
C. H. Miner, for care of engine	3 75
Pratt Brothers, for printing assessors' notices	1 25
Samuel Longley, for refreshments on Decoration day	14 30
Mrs. C. A. Edgarton, for flowers for Decoration day	10 00
Mrs. M. A. Hodgman, for cleaning town-house	3 95
E. G. Adams, repairs to town-house	3 30

Citizens' Law and Order League, services in liquor cases	60	64
C. H. Miner, repairs to engine		50
William H. Cram, labor in village cemetery	15	39
Samuel Longley, postage and express		92
Franklin S. Lovell, repairs on engine and express	5	05
J. W. Farrar, supplies for town-house	1	63
Conant Brothers & Co., table for engine house	2	60
Waite Brothers, refreshments to Firemen at Dawson's fire	3	04
George Davis, refreshments to Firemen at Dawson's fire	3	00
Peasley & Wilson, for repairs to table at town-house	4	05
R. M. L. Holden, gravel for center cemetery	2	00
J. W. Thacher & Son, labor at center cemetery	8	00
J. M. Adams, labor at centre cemetery	4	00
Frank Nickless, labor at center cemetery	4	00
L. A. Lancey, labor at center cemetery	2	25
Albert Adams, labor at center cemetery	1	75
C. A. Longley, labor at center cemetery	1	50
C. A. Batchelder, for advice to road commissioners and selectmen	17	00
Henry B. Pierce, secretary, registration book	1	00
Thomas K. Fiske, use of watering trough	3	00
O. F. Lawrence, repairing hearse	3	75
O. F. Lawrence, altering and repairing sleigh-hearse	43	65
P. Truda, for painting fire hooks	2	00

C. H. Miner, for making fire hooks	23 50
A. A. Warner, for sundries at engine house	20 42
A. S. Jackson, for five fire ladders and rope	52 70
Conant Brothers & Co., coal, &c., for engine house	9 63
Waite Brothers, for refreshments at Willard's boarding-house	89
Seth R. Holden, sexton services	10 25
William M. Park, for collecting taxes for 1883	58 84
W. M. Park, abatement of taxes for 1883, (Charles A. Adams, paid in Boston $2.00, Ingalls Kittredge, paid in Vermont $2.00, Francis E. Merriman, paid in Boston $2.00, Peter Pratt, not of age $2.00, George Washington, unable to pay $2.00, Walter A. Jones, paid in Somerville $2.00, John Commiskey, unable to pay $2.00, Frank Conglin, unable to pay $2.00, Thomas Harney, paid in Lancaster $2.00, Charles Childs, left town $2.00, Charles E. Lawrence, paid in Ayer $2.00)	22 00
Edwin L. White, expense to Lowell, ballot box	1 00
Edwin L. White, for stationery and postage	65
Edwin L. White, wood for town-house	5 00
Edwin L. White, labor on paupers' records	3 00
Melvin W. Longley, expense in liquor case	2 25

Melvin W. Longley, for righting up bound	1 00	
Melvin W. Longley, expense to Boston on fire case	2 50	
Melvin W. Longley, for postage and stationery	2 00	
Melvin W. Longley, for car fare	20	
Homer Wilson, stationery and postage	1 23	
Homer Wilson, three telegrams	85	
Homer Wilson, car fare for fire cases	2 80	
Homer Wilson, paid express and freight on fire ladders and splicing rope	1 38	
Homer Wilson, expense in fire and liquor cases	6 00	
Homer Wilson, expense to Lowell, (ballot box)	1 20	
O. F. Lawrence, sexton services	55 00	
O. F. Lawrence, lumber and labor for fire hooks	8 27	
Jonas Longley, postage	1 26	
Jonas Longley, recording marriages, births and deaths	20 70	
Jonas Longley, expenses to Townsend	1 50	
Jonas Longley, expenses to Lowell	2 20	
Paid to Dexter Bruce and others, for assistance rendered Henry Elmer in time of his sickness*	26 00	
		$862 66

*Reimbursed by Henry Elmer, $26 00.

PAUPERS.

Peasley & Wilson, aid to Daniel O'Neil family	$9 55	
Waite Bros., aid to Daniel O'Neil family	75 00	
Dr. A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance on Daniel O'Neil	15 00	
		$99 55
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Joseph Peque	40 50	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Joseph Peque	2 00	
		42 50
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Frank Burno	50 00	
Albert Butler, wood for Frank Burno	1 87	
		51 87
Conant Bros., aid to Caton family	93 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Caton family	10 70	
		103 70
Waite Bros., clothing for John Fletcher	1 34	
Peasley & Wilson, clothing for John Fletcher	4 00	
Louisa Bruce, support of John Fletcher	126 25	
		131 59
Dr. A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance to Elizabeth Lawton	2 50	
Louisa Bruce, support of Elizabeth Lawton	104 00	
Waite Bros., clothing for Elizabeth Lawton	4 61	
Peasley & Wilson, clothing for Elizabeth Lawton	1 10	
		112 21

Waite Bros., aid to Barton children	$136 50	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Barton children	1 70	
Dr. A. A. Plimpton, medical attendance Barton child	4 00	
O. F. Lawrence, coffin for Barton children	9 24	
		151 44
Waite Bros., aid to Joseph Normandia	17 15	
A. Lawton & Son, aid to Joseph Normandia	7 76	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Joseph Normandia	4 40	
		29 31
Thaddeus Balcom, support of B. G. Farmer		121 32
J. W. Farrar, aid to David Hartwell	1 09	
S. D. Benjamin, expenses David Hartwell case	7 00	
		8 09
Commonwealth of Mass., support of Caroline Washington at State Industrial School		51 71
C. & G. H. Bixby, aid to Sarah J. Scott		10 00
C. M. Miller, support of Daniel Holden	124 00	
C. M. Miller, clothing for Daniel Holden	8 35	
		132 35
Henry T. Balcom, support of Ida J. Balcom		64 00
Samuel Longley, expenses in pauper cases		3 92
		$1113 56

PAUPERS HAVING A SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE

Waite Brothers, aid to Carrie Ritchie	$85 00	
Conant Brothers, aid to Carrie Ritchie	7 96	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Carrie Ritchie	4 45	
		$97 41
Waite Brothers, aid to Joseph Piper's family	69 00	
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Joseph Piper's family	87 00	
		156 00
Waite Brothers, aid to Mrs. Joseph Stone (Angeline Allen)	6 07	
Conant Brothers, aid to Mrs. Joseph Stone (Angeline Allen)	2 00	
Homer Wilson, aid to Mrs. Joseph Stone (Angeline Allen)	2 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Mrs. Joseph Stone (Angeline Allen)	2 60	
		12 67
Henry Elmer, moving James Seller's family	75	
Homer Wilson, aid to James Seller's family	10 00	
		10 75
Homer Wilson, expense to Rockport in John Lee's case	4 00	
Conant Brothers, aid to John Lee's family	62 80	
		66 80
O. F. Lawrence, burial of J. Le Roy Sargent child	10 00	
		10 00

C. A. Kilburn, aid to Patrick H. McGinniskin's family	28 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Patrick H. McGinniskin's family	2 85	
		30 85
Edwin L. White, aid to Murtagh Gillen		1 15
		$385 63

STATE PAUPERS.

Samuel Longley, for aid to Mary Le Mare	$1 70	
Waite Bros., for aid to J. F. Paul	20 13	
A. A. Plimpton, medical services to Thomas Slater family,	6 50	
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Thomas Slater family	15 00	
O. F. Lawrence, coffin and services in burial of Slater child	7 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Bridget O'Donnell	2 25	
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Mary Ney	47 14	
		99 72

TRAMPS.

W. H. Cram, aid to tramps	54 50	
Samuel Longley, aid to tramps	25	
W. H. Cram, aid to tramps	27 00	
W. H. Cram, rent of tramp-house	5 00	
W. H. Cram, aid to tramps	31 00	
W. H. Cram, aid to tramps	32 50	
Homer Wilson, aid to tramps	1 75	
		152 00

MILITARY AID.

Sec. 301.

Mary A. Howard	$48 00	
Henry Elmer	48 00	
George A. Lancey	27 00	
Sarah Ames	24 00	
Elizabeth A. Travis	4 00	
Joel B. Neat	4 00	
		$155 00

Sec. 252.

Henry T. Balcom	$196 00	
George L. Fuller	50 00	
John H. Gately	6 00	
		$252 00

SALARIES.

C. A. Kilburn, for services as school committee	$1 25
J. W. Thacher, for services as auditor	2 00
Samuel Longley, for services as selectman and overseer	26 00
Charles Chandler, for services as auditor (1883)	1 25
Jonas Longley, for services as school committee	46 25
George C. Boutwell, for services as assessor	31 25
John Whiteley, for services as school committee	10 00
Seth Chandler, for services as treasurer	30 00
George C. Boutwell, services as school committee	26 25
William M. Park, services as assessor	32 50

Edwin L. White, services as selectman and overseer of poor	$48 00	
Edwin L. White, services as registrar	15 00	
Melvin W. Longley, services as selectman and overseer of poor	55 00	
Melvin W. Longley, services as assessor	32 50	
Melvin W. Longley, services as registrar	15 00	
Homer Wilson, services as selectman and overseer of poor	80 00	
Homer Wilson, services as registrar	15 00	
Jonas Longley, services as registrar	15 00	
Jonas Longley, services as town clerk	10 00	
Jonas Longley, services as school committee	11 25	
		$503 50

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$2139 59	
Transportation of scholars	75 00	
Repairs on school-houses, &c.	125 20	
Expense for new books	519 10	
		$2858 89
Highways	$1298 81	
Removing snow	127 50	
Bridges and railings	121 09	
Tools and repairs of tools	272 65	
New road to Lancaster	763 26	
Widening road near depot	246 06	
		2829 37
Incidental expenses		862 66

Paupers	$1113 56	
Paupers having settlement elsewhere	385 63	
State paupers	99 72	
Tramps	152 00	
		1750 91
Military aid, under Sec. 301	$155 00	
Military aid, under Sec. 252	252 00	
		407 00
Salaries		503 50
		$9212 33

Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1883	$1585 38	
Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1884	5855 08	
County tax paid by collector	395 60	
Amount due from collector	2392 55	
		$10,228 61

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due from collector for 1884	$2392 55
Due from State for military aid, sec. 301	197 00
Due from State for military aid, sec. 252	152 00
Due from Town of Oxford for aid to Piper family	93 00
Due from Town of Southbridge for aid to Mrs. Ritchie	74 41
Due from Town of Rockport for aid to John Lee's family	62 80
Due from Town of Douglas for aid to Mrs. Jos. Stone	12 67

Due from City of Boston for aid to Patrick H. McGinniskin's family	30 85	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	89 28	
		$3104 56
Due to Parker School fund		2993 46
Balance in favor of Town		$111 10
Amount of Henry Cemetery fund in Fitchburg Savings Bank, Jan. 1st, 1885		$637 34

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
HOMER WILSON,
} Selectmen and Overseers of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Seth Chandler, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Shirley.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in treasury at the close of the fiscal year	$166 42
Received from Southbridge for support of Carrie Ritchie	28 00
Received from Oxford for support of Jos. Piper	189 00
Received from Canton for transportation of Murty Gillen to Canton	1 15
Received from Fall River for support of Jane Sellers	10 75
Received from state treasurer for burial of Geo. Tatro	4 00
Received from state treasurer for burial of Henry Barton	10 00

Received from state treasurer for support of Jos. F. Paul	10 00	
Received from state treasurer for temporary support of Mary Ney	40 00	
Received from state treasurer for transportation of Bridget O'Donnell	2 25	
Received from state treasurer for burial of Mary Slater	5 00	
Received from Lunenburg for burial of Sargent's child	10 00	
Received corporation tax	439 28	
Received national bank tax	460 55	
Received state aid, acts 79, chap. 301	295 50	
Received state aid, acts 79, chap. 252	246 00	
Received income of school fund	215 09	
Received from Henry Elmer for expenses incurred during his sickness	26 00	
Received from S. D. Benjamin the balance of Chas. Wheeler's estate	18 63	
Received from Lunenburg for repairing town bound	50	
Received for ashes sold	75	
Received for books and rubber sold	1 93	
Received dog tax	122 22	
Borrowed of trustees of Parker school fund	1000 00	
Received balance of tax for 1883	1585 38	
Received the tax of 1884	5855 08	
		$10,743 48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid engine company	$266 00	
Deputy treasurer services	9 35	
For duplicate weights and measures	12 90	

Freight on same	40	
For locks and repairs for cabinet	1 50	
Outstanding order of 1883	1 60	
Outstanding orders of 1883	189 00	
State tax	860 00	
Expense of paying same	2 00	
Asylum for the chronic insane for board of Charles E. Wheeler, three months ending Dec. 31, 1884	57 70	
Interest on outstanding orders	41 17	
Stationery and postage	25	
Orders drawn by selectmen	9212 33	
Cash in hands of treasurer	89 28	
		$10,743 48

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the town treasurer, selectmen, and overseers of the poor, for the year ending Feb. 28, 1885, and find them correct, with proper vouches for the same.

JOHN G. CONANT, }
HERMAN S. HAZEN, } Auditors.

Shirley, March 3, 1885.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

State tax	$860 00	
County tax	395 60	
Schools	2000 00	
Highways	1300 00	
Incidentals	4000 00	
Cemeteries	50 00	
Decoration	25 00	
Overlayings	12 63	
		$8643 23

VALUATION MAY 1, 1884.

Real estate	$565,954 00	
Personal estate	155,061 00	
		$721,015
Deduct for exempts		7,585
Total taxable property		$713,430

Rate per cent	.01110
Number of polls	361
Number of houses	283
Number of horses	187
Number of cows	347
Number of sheep	75
Number of acres of land taxed	9,301

GEO. C. BOUTWELL,
M. W. LONGLEY,
WM. M. PARK,
} Assessors of Shirley.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF REGISTRATION.

Marriages for the year 1884.

Jan. 1, A. L. Holden, Ayer, and Mary A. W. Hartwell, Harvard.

Jan. 6, Ernest L. Hersom and Annie F. Clark, Shirley.

May 3, Alfred Rivers and Bertha Hendricks, Shirley.

May 27, John H. Warren and Lilla M. Longley, Shirley.

June 25, Herbert O. Peasley and Clara B. Gardner, Shirley.

Aug. 26, George L. Hosmer, Marlboro, and Estie C. Moriarty, Shirley.

Oct. 8, Amos L. Parker and Agnes L. Lewis, Shirley.

Oct. 9, Fred M. Lane, Fitchburg, and Hattie F. Phelps, Shirley.

Nov. 2, James Bulger and Minnie Deverney, Shirley.

Nov. 18, Albert Howard, Westminster, and Emeline M. Davis, Shirley.

Dec. 13, Waldo V. Kittredge, Shirley, and Ada M. Swinerton, Ayer.

Deaths for the year 1884.

Jan. 3, Henry Barton, 30 yrs. 3 dys., Oregon.

Jan. 10, Joseph Bulger, 5 yrs., New Brunswick.

Feb. 12, Joseph Holbrook, 68 yrs. 9 mos. 26 dys., Rutland.

Feb. 23, Johanna Neat, 78 yrs. 6 mos., Groton.

Apr. 16, Rebecca Farnsworth, 81 yrs. 5 mos. 28 dys., Stoddard, N. H.

Apr. 19, M. T. Gardner, 64 yrs. 2 mos. 27 dys., Harvard.

Apr. 23, F. Cumnock, 23 dys., Shirley.

May 27, Caroline Stratton, 68 yrs., Lincoln.

May 31, Alvin White, 81 yrs. 8 mos., Mansfield.

June 6, Lester P. Willard, 1 yr. 10 mos. 26 dys., Shirley.

June 6, Louis Stebbins, 76 yrs., Canada.

July 4, James P. Longley, 70 yrs. 2 mos. 21 dys., Shirley.

July 20, Eleazar Robbins, 77 yrs. 1 mos. 19 dys., Chesterfield, Vt.

Aug. 1, Charles L. Lapoint, 2 mos., Shirley.

Aug. 19, F. D. McDonough, 5 mos. 12 dys., Shirley.

Aug. 27, Content W. Payne, 38 yrs., Freetown.

Sept. 29, Mary Slater, 5 dys., Shirley.

Nov. 11, Mary A. Elmer, 51 yrs. 2 mos., Ireland.

Nov. 14, Catherine Murphy, 56 yrs., Ireland.

Nov. 19, Loring Parker, 70 yrs. 3 mos. 19 dys., Shirley.

Nov. 22, Charles Barton, 11 yrs., Shirley.

Nov. 30, Lina Sargent, 4 yrs. 3 mos. 22 dys., Slatersville, R. I.

Births.—Twenty-eight births have been registered in the Town of Shirley, for the year 1884. Thirteen males and fifteen females.

Dogs.—Sixty-five dogs have been registered from May 1, 1884, to May 1, 1885. Sixty-two males and three females. The amount of fees received $139.

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of notes with securities	$4543 46	
Interest due on the same	60 00	
Land called Parker Grove	533 00	
Funds in treasury	62 05	
Shop and land	200 00	
		$5398 51

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
MIDDLESEX SS.

To Jonas Longley, Clerk of the Town of Shirley, in said County. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required, by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Post Office in Shirley, and a like copy at the Post office in Shirley Village, eight days, at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters of said town to assemble in the town hall, on Monday, the Sixteenth day of March instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the annual report of the Selectmen.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, and all for a longer time.

Art. 4. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the Roads the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray all other usual and necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise the sum of Twenty-Five dollars for decorating purposes, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise any sum of money for care of the Cemeteries.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will let the collecting of Taxes to the lowest bidder, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will appropriate one hundred dollars to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors kept for sale contrary to law.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the Village Library, or take any action thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to abate any part of the Tax assessed in 1884, upon the property of the heirs of Jonathan Kilburn.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to one of the Selectmen, at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Shirley, this seventh day of March, A. D. 1885.

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
HOMER WILSON,
} Selectmen of Shirley.

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Mary M. Longley, teaching, No. 1	$320 00
W. I. Park, teaching grammar	174 16
Albert S. Colburn, teaching grammar	302 50
Florence M. Whitcomb, teaching primary	300 00
Nellie A. Adams, teaching No. 5	70 00
May E. Warren, teaching No. 5	70 00
Clara Harrington, teaching No. 5	7 00
Nellie M. Annis, teaching No. 5	80 00
Sara E. Longley, teaching No. 6	240 00
Annie Bell Tuttle, teaching No. 7	133 33
Jennie L. Jencks, teaching No. 7	66 67
Mary E. Adams, teaching No. 8	270 00
David Huston, care No. 1	2 75
Everett Lancey, care No. 1	6 25
G. E. Walls, care No. 3	6 90
Edward J. Foster, care No. 3	6 60
Edward Devarney, care No. 3	6 85
Walter A. Knight, care No. 5	8 85
S. LeRoy Longley, care No. 6	8 50
Willie Elmer, care No. 8	5 50
Frank Wheeler, care No. 8	2 80
J. P. Hazen, wood for Nos. 3 and 8	38 44
Samuel Farnsworth, wood for No. 1	18 00
Samuel Farnsworth, wood for No. 5	12 00

Samuel Farnsworth, wood for No. 6	$14 00	
S. Leroy Longley, sawing wood for No. 1	1 25	
Jonas Holden, sawing wood for No. 1	4 00	
Edward R. Thompson, sawing wood for No. 1	50	
Waldo G. Farnsworth, sawing wood for No. 5	3 62	
Eddie Thompson, sawing wood for No. 6	4 25	
B. W. Robbins, cleaning Nos. 3 and 8	2 00	
Mary A. Hodgman, cleaning No. 5	2 75	
A. C. Thompson, cleaning No. 5	2 00	
Mary Caton, cleaning No. 8	1 80	
Albert E. Andrews, cleaning Nos. 3 and 8	1 00	
Mrs. Colgan, cleaning No. 3	4 80	
M. Devarney, cleaning No. 3	3 00	
A. La Fontain, cleaning No. 3	50	
Zophar Jones, transporting scholars	50 00	
John E. Gardner, transporting scholars	25 00	
		$2277 57

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL-HOUSES, SCHOOL BOOKS, CRAYONS, ETC.

John W. Farrar, supplies for No. 1	$1 36
Geo. C. Boutwell, repairs to No. 1	1 00
David Huston, repairs to No. 1	1 50
William Sawtell, repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	17 40
Waite Bros., supplies for Nos. 3 and 8	58
R. M. Priest, repairs to Nos. 3 and 8	37 22
White & Keith, supplies for Nos. 3 and 8	72

Waite Bros., supplies for No. 3	$1 00	
A. A. Warner, repairs to No. 3	33 91	
J. P. Thompson, repairs to No. 3	4 00	
John W. Farrar, supplies for No. 5	1 71	
Geo. C. Boutwell, repairs to No. 5	85	
Edwin L. White, repairs to No. 5	6 30	
Geo. H. Powers, repairs to No. 5	5 50	
John W. Farrar, supplies for No. 6	1 80	
Jason T. Kendall, repairs to No. 6	16 29	
J. P. Thompson, repairs to No. 6	31 25	
A. A. Warner, repairs to No. 6	12 25	
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies for No. 3	1 51	
William Edwards & Co.. repairs to No. 3	2 90	
Waite Bros., supplies for No. 8	58	
A. A. Warner, repairs to No. 8	25	
David Huston, repairs to No. 8	3 75	
E. G. Adams, repairs to school-houses	10 00	
G. M. Ballou, repairs to No. 3	5 75	
Geo. C. Boutwell, expenses to Boston	2 00	
Jonas Longley, express, postage, etc.	10 32	
Jonas Longley, expenses to Boston, twice	3 40	
Terry Clock Co., 6 clocks and express on same	17 45	
		$232 55

J. L. Hammett, school books	$23 98
C. R. Page, school books	1 13
Carroll W. Clark, school books	37 50
Knight, Adams & Co., books	85 31
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., school books	72 36
Harrison Hume, school books	27 95
Boston School Supply Co., school books	7 91
D. Appleton & Co., school books	12 50
E. H. Butler & Co., school books	6 00

Geo. F. King & Merrill, school books	$63 93	
William Ware & Co., school books	21 50	
A. C. Stockin, school books	4 05	
Ginn & Co., school books	19 60	
		$383 52

HIGHWAYS.

W. V. Kittredge, labor	$7 87	
Dennis O'Neil, labor	56 69	
Geo. A. Adams, labor	62 36	
R. F. Colburn, labor	51 02	
Louis Stebbins, labor	57 10	
John M. Adams, labor	296 00	
Olof Neilson, labor	55 08	
C. A. Longley, labor	90 62	
S. E. Hopkins, labor	11 34	
Charles Bruso, labor	11 74	
Joseph Normandia, labor	19 44	
William M. Park, labor	89 00	
M. Devarney, labor	1 62	
Louis Pocket, labor	1 62	
M. Gateley, labor	1 62	
S. B. Scott, labor	1 62	
Patrick Shucrowe, labor	1 62	
H. M. Holden, labor	1 62	
C. H. Andrews, labor	2 25	
M. W. Longley, gravel	20 00	
		$840 23

REMOVING SNOW.

George Holden	$2 05
John M. Adams	11 65
George A. Adams	1 60

Samuel B. Scott	$1 60	
George L. Fuller	1 25	
C. A. Longley	6 00	
C. A. Longley, paid to others	10 56	
Wm. M. Park	5 40	
W. B. Wilson	1 72	
H. M. Holden	75	
		$42 58

REMOVING BROKEN TREES ON HIGHWAY.

C. A. Longley	$8 00	
C. H. Andrews	81	
H. M. Holden	4 25	
David Huston	2 33	
Stephen Stone	81	
Wm. M. Park	3 60	
		$19 80

BRIDGES, RAILINGS AND GUIDE-POSTS.

G. M. Ballou, repairs to bridges	$2 17
R. F. Colburn, repairs to bridges	11 50
S. E. Hopkins, repairs to bridges	2 00
C. A. Longley, repairs to bridges	25 00
William M. Park, repairs to bridges	9 00
John M. Adams, repairs to bridges	37 50
M. W. Longley, bridge stringers	43 14
Edwin L. White, bridge plank and stringers	130 15
George Davis, bridge plank	90 98
Edwin L. White, spikes and labor	1 60
Edwin L. White, guide-post	75
S. E. Hopkins, guide-boards	1 25

O. M. Bennett, railings	$8 74	
Gilbert Cook, railings	3 60	
C. A. Longley, labor on railings	10 00	
John M. Adams, labor on railings	25 00	
William M. Park, labor on railings	3 00	
		$405 38
Bridge plank on hand		$200 00

TOOLS AND REPAIRS TO TOOLS.

O. F. Lawrence, repairs to town cart, etc.	$4 25	
C. H. Miner, repairs to town cart	3 00	
Geo. Tyler, repairs for road machine	8 00	
P. Truda, painting road machine	10 00	
Waite Bros., tools	2 15	
John W. Farrar, tools	85	
Conant Bros. & Co., tools	8 94	
C. H. Miner, repairs to tools	6 65	
		$43 84
Tools on hand		$275 00

MITCHELLVILLE BRIDGE.

Mrs. S. L. Beverly, dinner for County Commissioners	$3 50	
D. W. Church, services as engineer	10 00	
F. Sheldon, services as engineer	6 00	
Warren H. Atwood, advice, etc., to Road Commissioners	5 00	
Warren H. Atwood, advice, etc., to Bridge Committee	44 26	
E. L. White, time and expense	5 00	
Homer Wilson, time	1 00	
Melvin W. Longley, time and expense	5 00	
		$79 76

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

C. H. Miner, care of engine and house	$20 00
C. H. Miner, repairs to engine	5 00
A. A. Warner, repairs to engine and house	95
G. M. Ballou, repairs to engine and house	7 89
W. Russell, repairs to engine	80
R. M. Priest, repairs to engine and house	2 47
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies for engine and house	3 54
R. M. Priest, painting fire ladders	3 40
George Davis, drawing engine to M. V. Farnsworth's fire	7 00
George Davis, drawing engine to W. L. Pattee's fire	3 00
Warren H. Atwood, legal services in fire case	13 00
Edwin L. White, telegram in fire case	49
Dennis O'Neil, watching fire (Willard house)	2 00
C. H. Andrews, refreshments for firemen at Farnsworth fire	1 00
Homer Wilson, time and expense with state police in fire case	5 75
Emery Williams, lumber and labor for cover for fire reservoir	4 25
W. Wright & Son, use of hearse	3 00
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., reporting deaths	6 75
Jonas Longley, recording marriages, births and deaths	16 35
O. F. Lawrence, sexton's services	22 75
Seth R. Holden, sexton's services	19 00

M. W. Longley, perambulating Harvard town line	$1 50
Homer Wilson, perambulating Harvard town line	1 00
S. B. Scott, cutting grass in Village cemetery	2 00
Homer Wilson, labor and expense in Village cemetery	18 75
W. F. Hewes, jr., labor and expense in Center cemetery	4 00
J. W. Thacher & Son, labor and expense in Center cemetery	7 75
C. H. Andrews, labor in Center cemetery	2 00
Chas. W. Lawrence, labor in Center cemetery	4 00
L. A. Lancey, labor in Center cemetery	2 25
M. H. Brownson, labor in Center cemetery	75
C. A. Longley, labor in Center cemetery	3 50
David Huston, labor in Center cemetery	2 43
R. M. L. Holden, gravel for Center cemetery	1 00
Mrs. C. A. Edgarton, flowers for Memorial day	8 00
Waite Brothers, refreshments for Memorial day	71
G. M. Ballou, soldiers' monument	4 59
R. M. Priest, painting soldiers' monument	1 75
John H. Turner, printing registrar's notices	3 00
John H. Turner, printing pauper blanks	6 00

John H. Turner, printing military aid blanks	$2 00
John H. Turner, printing tramp blanks	2 50
John H. Turner, printing town reports	29 00
John H. Turner, printing school reports	15 00
John H. Turuer, printing voting lists	6 00
Gilbert Cook, use of watering trough	3 00
Thomas K. Fiske, use of watering trough	3 00
M. W. Longley, repairs to town pump	1 00
S. B. Scott, services as truant officer	1 00
L. Sherwin & Co., book and stationery	1 16
Baker Bros., assessor's book and express	1 15
George C. Boutwell, postage and stationery	60
William M. Sargent, binding record book	65
Fitchburg M. F. Insurance Co., insurance on town house	33 60
Albert Adams, administering oaths to town officers	3 00
Orthodox society, repairing line fence	3 30
Little, Brown & Co., Herricks' Town Officer	3 00
Edwin L. White, wood for town house	9 75
Edwin L. White, stationery and postage	60
Homer Wilson, stationery and postage	2 13
Homer Wilson, time and expense with state aid commissioner	2 50
John W. Farrar, services as janitor of town house	5 00
John W. Farrar, supplies for town house	1 46

Jonas Longley, time and expense to Townsend	$1 50	
H. C. Sherwin, expense on beer assay	3 00	
Warren H. Atwood, legal services in beer case	12 00	
M. W. Longley, time and expense in beer case	8 40	
M. W. Longley, postage and stationery	1 50	
H. S. Hazen, ledger and cash book	50	
H. S. Hazen, postage	96	
William M. Park, collecting taxes for 1884	146 39	
William M. Park, abatement of taxes for 1884	32 00	
		$560 02

ABATEMENT—ITEMIZED.

Michael Ames, death	$2 00
Francis Butcher, not of age	2 00
George Brackett, paid in Harvard	2 00
James Chandler, paid in New Ipswich, N. H.	2 00
Charles E. Ford, paid in Worcester	2 00
William H. Ford, paid in Clinton	2 00
James Greenlaw, paid in Leominster	2 00
John Gateley, unable to pay	2 00
James Gateley, unable to pay	2 00
Joseph Pecue, unable to pay	2 00
James Sellers, unable to pay	2 00
Thomas Slater, unable to pay	2 00
William B. Spofford, paid in Somerville	2 00
Henry Cummings, left town	2 00
Frank Emery, left town	2 00
James Vincent, left the state	2 00

PAUPERS.

Wilber L. Pattee, aid to D. B. Crosbee	$60 50	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to D. B. Crosbee	15 15	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to D. B. Crosbee	2 50	
D. R. Steere, M. D., aid to D. B. Crosbee	4 50	
		$82 65
C. M. Miller, support of D. Holden	125 00	
C. M. Miller, clothing for D. Holden	10 25	
		135 25
Waite Bros., aid to Henry Bruso family	20 00	
Homer Wilson, aid to Henry Bruso family and Barton child	2 90	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., transporting Bruso family to Oregon	91 80	
		114 70
Waite Bros., aid to Barton child	36 00	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., transporting Barton child to Oregon	30 60	
		66 60
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Frank Burno	32 00	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., aid to Frank Burno	1 00	
		33 00
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Caton family,	157 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Caton family	18 60	
		175 60
Thaddeus Balcom, support of B. G. Farmer		121 32

Louisa Bruce, support of John Fletcher	$130 00	
Waite Bros., aid to John Fletcher	25	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to John Fletcher	11 60	
		$141 85
Louisa Bruce, support of Elizabeth Lawton	104 00	
Waite Bros., aid to Elizabeth Lawton	26	
Peasley and Wilson, aid to Elizabeth Lawton	3 06	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Elizabeth Lawton	45	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., aid to Elizabeth Lawton	1 75	
		109 52
Henry T. Balcom, aid to Ida J. Balcom		24 00
Asylum for Chronic Insane, aid to Charles E. Wheeler	206 98	
Edwin L. White, time and expense to Worcester about Chas. E. Wheeler	2 00	
		208 98
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Joseph Pecue		18 15
Waite Brothers, aid to Joseph Normandia		16 00
Waite Brothers, aid to Daniel O'Neil	21 00	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., aid to Daniel O'Neil	1 00	
		22 00
State Industrial School, support of Norman Z. Jones		57 14

Fitchburg R. R. Co., removing furniture of Sarah J. Scott	$6 13	
C. & G. H. Bixby, aid to Sarah J. Scott	24 00	
Edwin L. White, aid to Sarah J. Scott	24 62	
C. A. Dennen, aid to Sarah J. Scott	4 50	
D. R. Steere, M. D., aid to Sarah J. Scott	78 00	
W. Wright & Son, coffin and robe for Ernest J. Scott	9 50	
		$146 75
John W. Farrar, aid to Mrs. David Hartwell		2 84
A. A. Plimpton, aid to John Burno		4 00
M. W. Longley, time and expense Charles C. Morgan case		3 80
		$1484 15
Edwin L. White, time and expense on pauper settlements	$7 00	
Melvin W. Longly, time and expense on pauper settlements	5 00	
F. A. Worcester, legal advice in Mary F. Peck case	3 00	
Homer Wilson, time and expense in Shucrowe case	5 00	
O. F. Lawrence, coffin and robe for G. C. Andrews	14 00	
O. F. Lawrence, burial of G. C. Andrews	5 00	
Rev. Mr. Calkins, attending funeral of G. C. Andrews	3 00	
		$42 00

PAUPERS HAVING A SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

C. A. Kilburn, aid to Joseph Piper	$117 00	
Waite Bros., aid to Joseph Piper	27 00	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., medical attendance to Joseph Piper	21 00	
		$165 00
Louisa Bruce, aid to Mary S. Burke	35 00	
B. W. Robbins, aid to Mary S. Burke	5 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Mary S. Burke	1 40	
Melvin W. Longley, expense in Mary S. Burke case	1 00	
		42 40
C. A. Kilburn, aid to Patrick H. McGuinniskin		14 00
Waite Bros., aid to Mrs. Joseph Stone (Angelina Allen)	3 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Mrs. Joseph Stone (Angelina Allen)	1 25	
		4 25
Waite Bros., aid to Carrie Ritchie	96 00	
Peasley & Wilson, aid to Carrie Ritchie	18 30	
		114 30
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to John Lees	50 00	
White & Keith, aid to John Lees	10 00	
		60 00
		$399 95

STATE PAUPER.

O. F. Lawrence, burial of Frank Greenlaw	$10 00

TRAMPS.

W. H. Cram, putting up 301 tramps	$150 50	
Waite Brothers, aid to tramps,	25	
Peasley and Wilson, aid to tramps	40	
E. L. White, aid to tramps	1 00	
Homer Wilson, aid to tramps	3 70	
		$155 85

MILITARY AID.

CHAP. 301.

Mary A. Howard	$48 00	
Kenry Elmer	48 00	
Sarah Ames	32 00	
Granville P. Travis	44 00	
Elizabeth A. Travis	44 00	
Joel C. Neat	16 00	
William Williams	24 00	
		$256 00

CHAP. 252.

Henry T. Balcom	$48 00	
George L. Fuller	84 00	
John H. Gateley	3 00	
		$135 00

SALARIES.

John Whiteley, services as School Committee	$25 25
Jonas Longley, services as School Committee	38 75
Geo. C. Boutwell, services as School Committee	34 00
Geo. C. Boutwell, services as Assessor	35 40

Melvin W. Longley, services as Assessor	$32 50	
Jonas Longley, services as Town Clerk	10 00	
Edwin L. White, services as Registrar	5 00	
Melvin W. Longley, services as Registrar	5 00	
Homer Wilson, services as Registrar	5 00	
Jonas Longley, services as Registrar	5 00	
Herman S. Hazen, services as Town Treasurer	40 00	
Edwin L. White, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor	70 00	
Melvin W. Longley, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor	70 00	
Homer Wilson, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor	85 00	
		$460 90

TOWN LIBRARY.

DeWolf, Fiske & Co., library books	$98 08	
Homer Wilson, freight, etc.	1 60	
		$99 68

LIBRARY REPORT.

Whole number of books in library, 312.

Whole number of books belonging to Literary Association, 175, making 137 given by town and individuals, inclusive.

Whole number of persons taking books from library 187.

Number of books in circulation since Sept. 5, (5½ months) 1704.

Shirley, Feb. 20, 1886.

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$2202 57	
Transporting of scholars	75 00	
Repairs to school houses, etc.	232 55	
Expense for new books	383 52	
		$2893 64
Highways	$840 23	
Removing snow	42 58	
Removing broken trees	19 80	
Bridges, railings, guide posts, etc.	405 38	
Tools and repairs to tools	43 84	
		1351 83
Tools on hand	$275 00	
Bridge plank on hand	$200 00	
Mitchelville bridge		79 76
Incidentals		560 02
Paupers	$1484 15	
Paupers	42 00	
Paupers having settlement elsewhere	399 95	
Paupers (state)	10 00	
Tramps	155 85	
		2091 95
Military aid (chapter 301)	$256 00	
Military aid (chapter 252)	135 00	
		391 00
Salaries		460 90
Town library		99 68
		$7928 78

Amount paid Treasurer by Collector 1884	$2392 55	
Amount paid Treasurer by Collector 1885	4844 39	
County tax paid by Collector 1885	394 69	
Amout due from Collector 1885	1246 57	
		$8878 20

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due from Collector for 1885	$1246 57	
Due from State for military aid (chapter 301)	280 00	
Due from State for military aid (chapter 252)	90 50	
Due from City of Boston for aid to Patrick McGuinniskin family	14 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	618 48	
		2249 55
Due Parker school fund		2993 46
Balance against the town		$743 91
Amount of Henry cemetery fund in Fitchburg Savings Bank, Aug. 5, 1885		$631 43

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
HOMER WILSON,
} Selectmen and Overseers of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. S. Hazen, Town Treasurer, in account with the town of Shirley:

RECEIPTS.

From Seth Chandler, ex-treasurer	$89 28
Town of Southbridge, aid to Carrie Ritchie	188 71
Town of Oxford, aid to Joseph Piper	237 00
Town of Rockport, aid of John Lees' family	122 80
Town of Chelmsford, aid to Mrs. Burke	41 40
Town of Douglas, aid to Mrs. J. Stone	16 92
City of Boston, aid to P. H. McGuinniskin's family	30 85
J. R. Holden, old road machine	7 75
J. W. Farrar, rent of town hall	8 00
David Huston, wood from Center cemetery	2 43
S. D. Benjamin, account of Dexter Crosby	29 35
S. D. Benjamin, account of estate of O. Lawton	3 50
W. L. Pattee, account of Dexter Crosby	5 00
State Treasurer, aid to paupers	15 00
State Treasurer, burial of Frank Greenlaw	10 00
State Treasurer, income of school fund	211 96
State Treasurer, national bank tax	522 53
State Treasurer, corporation tax	431 08

State Treasurer, state aid, acts 1879, chapter 301	$173 00	
State Treasurer, state aid, acts 1879, chapter 252	129 00	
County Treasurer, dog fund for 1885	102 43	
W. M. Park, collector, 1884	2392 55	
W. H. Cram, collector, 1885	4844 39	
		$9614 93

EXPENDITURES.

Paid engine men	$273 00	
State tax	645 00	
Orders drawn by the selectmen	7928 78	
Interest on Parker school fund note	149 67	
Cash on hand and in bank	618 48	
		9614 93

H. S. HAZEN, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, for the year ending March 1, 1886, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all money paid out.

JOHN W. THACHER,
JOHN G. CONANT, } Auditors.

Shirley, March 3, 1886.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

State tax	$645 00	
County tax	394 69	
Schools	2000 00	
Highways	800 00	
Incidentals	2500 00	
Cemeteries	50 00	
Memorial	25 00	
Overlayings	70 96	
		$6485 65

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1885.

Real estate	$566,909 00	
Personal estate	127,452 00	
		$694,361 00
Deduct for exempts		6,300 00
Total taxable property		$688,061 00

Rate per cent	.00860
Number of polls	310
Number of houses	291
Number of horses	185
Number of cows	362
Number of sheep	33
Number of Swine	30
Number of cattle other than cows	86
Number of acres of land	9309

GEO. C. BOUTWELL,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
WM. M. PARK,
} Assessors of Shirley

Shirley, Feb. 26, 1886.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF REGISTRATION.

MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Jan. 1. William Smith, Gardner, and Fannie M. Humes, Shirley.

Jan. 14. Edward L. Wheeler, Ashby, and Ada E. Scott, Shirley.

Jan. 29. Charles C. Longley, Shirley, and Luella B. Caldwell, Millbury.

Apr. 20. Albert Bodah and Josephine Stebbins, Shirley.

May 27. Frank L. Keith and Minnie A. Bennett, Shirley.

June 3. Walter Davidson, Worcester, and Lillian Clark, Shirley.

June 9. George W. Tilden, Barre, Vt., and Carrie Edgarton, Shirley.

June 28. Horace Simpson and Carrie E. Wood, Lancaster.

July 2. Henry C. Owens and Ellen F. Sawtell, Shirley.

July 18. Walter A. Jones, Somerville, and Nellie M. Eddy, Shirley.

July 22. Thomas L. Hazen and Mary J. Carter, Shirley.

Sept. 23. Cyrus W. Fletcher, Fitchburg, and Florimond E. Tower, Shirley.

Sept. 26. Charles W. Waters and Jennie Bowers, Shirley.

Nov. 14. Hibbard T. Lufkin, Ayer, and Mary L. White, Shirley.

Nov. 19. Jeremiah Gleason and Honora Faley, Shirley.

Dec. 24. Michael Shucrowe and Mary Roche, Shirley.

Dec. 25. Albert J. Hastings, Ayer, and Cynthia R. Page, Shirley.

Dec. 30. John W. Farrar and Mary Carey, Shirley.

Dec. 30. Frederick W. Johnson and Francisco F. Stone, Shirley.

BIRTHS.

Nineteen births have been registered in the town of Shirley, for the year 1885 — twelve males and seven females.

DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Jan.	20.	Hannah W. Capen, 74 yrs. 9 mos. 20 dys., Lunenburg.
Jan.	22.	Gracie E. Bruce, 4 yrs. 4 mos. 3 dys., Shirley.
Feb.	16.	Samuel F. Beard, 2 dys., Shirley.
Feb.	21.	Geo. E. Slocum, 1 mo. 19 dys., Shirley.
Feb.	24.	Mabel L. Wythe, 7 yrs. 2 mos. 14 dys., Harvard.
Mar.	4.	Frank Greenlaw, 23 yrs. 2 dys., Shirley.
Mar.	14.	Bridget Faley, 51 yrs. 11 mos. 14 dys., Ireland.
April	28.	Samuel H. Clark, 83 yrs. 1 mo. 22 dys., Harvard.
May	16.	N. C. Munson, 64 yrs. 9 mos. 1 day, Hinesburg, Vt.
June	2.	Sumner Hartwell, 80 yrs. 8 dys., Shirley.
Aug.	15.	Hezekiah Spaulding, 67 yrs. 2 dys., Shirley.
Aug.	16.	Adolphus L. Holden (died in Albany, N. Y.), 55 yrs. 1 mo. 7 dys., Shirley.
Aug.	31.	Hannah Goodrich, 77 yrs. 8 mos. 28 dys., Lunenburg.
Oct.	19.	Margaret Bruseau, 27 yrs. 6 mos. 19 dys., Canada.
Nov.	19.	Arthur C. Holden, 16 dys.
Nov.	25.	Celinda M. Holden, 63 yrs. 11 mos. 13 dys. Chesterfield, N. H.
Nov.	30.	Ernest A. Scott, 6 yrs. 3 mos. 21 dys., Boston.
Dec.	1.	Anna F. Dickson, 90 yrs. 2 mos. 3 dys., Cambridge.
Dec.	4.	Cyrus A. Kilburn, 48 yrs. 7 mos. 26 dys.
Dec.	17.	Andrew J. Wentworth, 44 years. 1 mo. 23 dys., Lebanon.

DOGS.

Fifty-two dogs have been registered from May 1, 1885, to May 1, 1886. The amount of fees received, $116.

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of notes with securities	$4243 46	
Cost of land in grove	533 00	
Blacksmith shop	100 00	
Arrearage of interest	192 67	
Money in treasury	140 78	
		$5209 91

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX SS.

To Jonas Longley, Clerk of the town of Shirley, in said county, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Postoffice in Shirley, and a like copy at the Postoffice in Shirley Village, eight days at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters of said town to assemble in the Town Hall, on Monday, the fifteenth day of March, instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the annual report of the Selectmen, and of any Committee heretofore chosen.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, and all for a longer time.

Art. 4. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair the roads the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray all other usual and necessary expenses of the town, the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the town will raise the sum of twenty-five dollars for decoration purposes, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise any sum of money for care of the cemeteries.

Art. 10. To see if the town will make a rate of discount on all taxes paid at such a time as the town may determine, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will let the collecting of taxes to the lowest bidder, or act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will accept the transfer of the property of the Village Library Society to the town, and raise any sum of money, and choose a board of Trustees to manage the same, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors kept for sale contrary to law.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to build a fire-proof vault in the town house, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to the order of the County Commissioner on the Mitchellville bridge.

Art. 16. To see if the town will choose a Trustee of the Parker school fund.

Art. 17. To hear the report of the committee chosen to examine the Mitchellville bridge, and act thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to one of the selectmen, at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Shirley, this fourth day of March, A. D. 1886.

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
HOMER WILSON,
} Selectmen of Shirley.

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

Mary E. Adams, teaching	$90 00
May E. Warren, teaching	90 00
Henry C. Miller, teaching	80 00
Leon C. Holden, care of house	5 25
David Huston, care of house	2 40
Mary Hodgman, cleaning house	3 00
L. A. Lancey, cutting wood	1 35
Parker School Fund, wood	12 00
F. W. Hodgman, cutting wood	2 93
E. L. White, wood	63

No. 3.

A. S. Colburn, teaching, grammar	165 00
Edward L. Atkinson, teaching, grammar	325 00
Henry Lawton, care of house	14 75
W. F. Russell, care of house	8 25
Florence M. Whitcomb, teaching, primary	240 00
Alta Fletcher, teaching, primary	39 20
Albert Andrews, cleaning house	2 00
M. A. Howard and A. S. Colburn, cleaning house	7 60
B. W. Robbins, cleaning house	1 00
Luke Holden, wood	6 00
Albert Butler, wood	1 75
Samuel Hazen, wood	8 00

J. P. Hazen, wood	$9 37
John Whiteley, wood	8 00
Albert Andrews, cutting wood	1 50
Joseph Piper, cutting wood	5 50
James Elmer, cutting wood	50
Harley Stebbins, cutting wood	2 00

No. 8.

Veena B. Williams, teaching	81 00
Susie M. Turner, teaching	80 00
Mattie Bruce, teaching	106 00
J. H. Flynn, care of house	5 00
S. Boda, care of house	4 40
Willie B. Gateley, care of house	3 00
M. A. Howard and A. S. Colburn, cleaning house	3 80
B. W. Robbins, cleaning house	1 00
A. E. Andrews, cleaning house	1 00
J. P. Hazen, wood	4 68
John Whiteley, wood	3 00
J. Tatro, cutting wood	1 00
S. Boda and S. Gateley, care of house	3 00
NO. 8. (Longley & Hazen block.)	
S. B. Champney, teaching	110 00
Thomas Caton, care of house	2 25
B. W. Robbins, cleaning house	1 00
J. S. Stone, cleaning house	60

No. 5.

Anna Brooks, teaching	70 00
M. M. Longley, teaching	77 00
M. L. Cunningham, teaching	63 00
W. A. Knight, care of house	2 50
Esther Farnsworth, care of house	2 75
W. G. Farnsworth, care of house	3 15
Samuel Farnsworth, wood	8 00

Henry Hodgman, cutting wood and cleaning house	$3 50	
F. W. Hodgman, cleaning house	1 75	

No. 6.

Sara E. Longley, teaching	260 00	
S. L. R. Longley, care of house	8 40	
Edward Thompson, cutting wood	1 25	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood	12 00	

No. 7.

Anna Bell Tuttle, teaching	175 00	
Zopher Jones, transporting scholars	50 00	
J. E. Gardner, transporting scholars	20 00	
C. E. Dodge, transporting scholars	10 00	
		$2232 01

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL-HOUSES, CRAYONS, ETC.

A. W. Farrar, repairs to clocks, No. 1, 5 and 6	$3 00
Wm. Sawtell, repairs to No. 3	14 60
Wm. Sawtell, repairs to No. 3 and 8	4 60
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, supplies to No. 8	1 66
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, supplies to No. 5	10
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, supplies to No. 3	80
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, supplies to No. 3 and 8	90
Waite Bros., supplies to No. 3	1 00
H. A. Sawtell, repairs on No. 3 and 8	60
M. Devarney, repairs on No. 3 and 8	14 10
A. A. Warner, repairs on No. 3 and 8	14 69

Conant Bros. & Co., sundries for No. 3 and 8	$4 49	
Conant Bros. & Co., sundries for No. 8	1 89	
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies to No. 5	60	
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies to No. 1	30	
G. C. Boutwell, repairs to No. 1	1 00	
Wm. M. Park, repairs to No. 3 and 8	2 40	
W. F. Foster, repairs to No. 3	30	
J. T. Kendall, repairs to No. 6	4 25	
W. U. Telegraph Co., telegram	80	
		$72 08

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Oliver Ditson & Co.	40	
Porter & Coates	78 84	
D. Lothrop & Co.	2 35	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	32 07	
William Ware & Co.	20 20	
J. L. Hammett	51 02	
Knight, Adams & Co.	28 18	
S. R. Winchell & Co.	10 39	
Harrison Hume	21 30	
Winkley, Thorpe & Dresser	23 66	
Geo. F. King & Merrill	5 00	
A. Lovell & Co.	5 50	
E. L. Atkinson	4 14	
Interstate Publishing Co.	6 00	
Silver, Rogers & Co.	5 34	
Jonas Longley, express on school books	8 25	
		$302 64

HIGHWAYS.

C. A. Longley, labor	$87 00	
John M. Adams, labor	338 50	
W. M. Park, labor	23 50	
R. F. Colburn, labor	61 56	
George H. Powers, labor	47 79	
Patrick Mitchell, labor	25 92	
James Walsh, labor	3 24	
A. Rivers, labor	1 62	
A. L. Hume, labor	60 75	
George A. Adams, labor	69 66	
C. Bruseau, labor	1 62	
R. Fletcher, labor	60 75	
Hezzie Spaulding, labor	2 75	
Levi Devarney, labor	6 48	
John Burno, labor	6 48	
C. Bodah, labor	1 62	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, powder	68	
M. W. Longley, gravel	15 00	
Franklin Lawton, gravel	20 00	
Samuel Hazen, gravel	2 50	
		$837 42

REMOVING SNOW.

John M. Adams, removing ice and trees	$3 00
John M. Adams, removing snow	33 20
R. F. Colburn, removing snow	4 29
J. C. Neat, removing snow	1 68
David Huston, removing snow	3 04
A. M. Holden, removing snow	2 00
C. A. Longley, removing snow	8 60
H. M. Holden, removing snow	1 44
R. Fletcher, removing snow	2 72

O. F. Haradon, removing snow	48	
J. W. Thatcher and Son, removing snow	18 75	
G. A. Adams	6 64	
W. M. Park	4 80	
S. B. Scott	6 32	
Edward Wheeler	56	
E. L. White	17 34	
		$114 86

BRIDGES, RAILINGS AND GUIDE-POSTS.

C. A. Longley, repairs to guide-boards	$3 00	
William Sawtell, repairs to guide-boards	1 75	
C. A. Longley, labor on bridges	9 50	
John M. Adams, labor on bridges	1 50	
W. M. Park, labor on bridges	4 00	
H. M. Holden, labor on bridges	81	
E. L. White, labor on bridges	2 00	
G. M. Ballou, labor and stock for bridges	93	
E. E. White, stringers for bridges	63 30	
E. L. White, lumber for bridges	20 20	
John Whiteley, railings	5 75	
O. M. Bennett, railings	3 81	
C. A. Longley, labor on railings	4 00	
John M. Adams, labor on railings	5 00	
W. M. Park, labor on railings	2 00	
R. F. Colburn, labor on railings	1 62	
Conant Bros. & Co., nails for railings	30	
		$129 47

TOOLS AND REPAIRS TO TOOLS.

C. A. Longley, tools and repairs	$3 30	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, files and oil	72	
C. H. Miner, repairs to tools	8 35	
Geo. Tyler, repairs to tools	12 00	
A. A. Fillebrown, repairs to tools	3 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., repairs to tools	5 54	
N. A. Holden, repairs to tools	6 45	
		$39 36

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Amount of bridge plank, stringers and railing on hand	$250 00	
Amount of tools and implements on hand	250 00	
		$500 00

C. A. LONGLEY,
JOHN M. ADAMS,
WM. M. PARK,
} Road Commissioners.

Shirley, March 1, 1887.

MITCHELLVILLE BRIDGE.

R. M. Pulsifer & Co., advertising	$4 00
John H. Turner, printing	7 50
J. P. Hazen, services as auctioneer, etc.	8 00
J. Thissell & Son, plans, specifications, etc.	16 50
William Chisholm, building abutment and wings	1735 00

Samuel Farnsworth, plank, railing, posts and labor	$62 45	
Nelson A. Holden, iron and labor	19 19	
G. M. Ballou, plank	2 48	
Amos W. Farrar, painting	3 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., lantern and oil	1 18	
Dexter Bruce, lighting lantern	1 00	
W. H. Atwood, counsel	5 00	
J. W. Thacher, time and expense	20 00	
T. L. Hazen, time and expense	10 00	
S. Farnsworth, time	5 00	
		$1900 30

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Hiram Bean, 1 doz. hand force pumps	$18 00
M. W. Longley, cash, Garland liquor case	15 00
M. W. Longley, time and expense, Garland liquor case	17 70
E. L. White, time and expense, Garland liquor case	10 00
W. M. Park, time and expense, Garland liquor case	2 00
W. H. Atwood, counsel and services, Garland liquor case	22 00
W. H. Atwood, counsel and services, Sanderson liquor case	5 00
J. H. Turner, printing town reports	29 00
J. H. Turner, printing school reports	15 00
R. F. Colburn, labor in Village cemetery	3 00
Wm. M. Park, labor in Village cemetery	13 50

Matthew H. Burns, labor in Village cemetery	$2 25
Frank Stone, labor in Village cemetery	1 50
George Devarney, labor in Village cemetery	3 00
Levi Devarney, labor in Village cemetery	3 00
C. H. Andrews, labor in Center cemetery	10 50
L. A. Lancey, labor in Center cemetery	7 25
H. C. Owens, care of engine house	15 00
M. W. Longley, sundries, Memorial Day	2 00
Post 48, G. A. R., Memorial Day	23 00
W. H. Cram, collecting taxes, 1885	97 27
S. R. Holden, repairs on town house	5 90
Damon Safe Co., building fire proof vault	440 00
L. A. Wood, repairs to town pump	35
G. Cook, use of watering trough, 1885 and 1886	6 00
A. A. Warner, repairs to hearse house	34 60
W. H. Atwood, counsel in pauper and other cases	15 00
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, oil for town hall	33
A. A. Warner, repairing stove in town hall	2 89
Thomas K. Fiske, use of watering trough	3 00
C. F. Palmer, labor at town house	5 00
W. H. Cram, abatement of taxes, 1885	40 92
S. D. Benjamin, collector's book, postage and express	1 75
David Huston, labor at town house	9 75

Albert Adams, administering oaths	$3 50
Albert Adams, warrant box	1 25
Conant Bros., supplies for engine	76
S. L. R. Longley, cutting wood at town house	1 25
Wm. H. Cram, services as truant officer	3 00
Jonas Longley, recording births, marriages and deaths	18 80
Jonas Longley, postage	1 38
Jonas Longley, time and expense to Townsend	1 50
Jonas Longley, express, etc.	3 25
O. F. Lawrence, services as sexton	33 00
O. F. Lawrence, repairs to hearse	4 55
J. G. Conant, services as auditor, 1885 and 1886	3 50
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, sundries for town house	8 81
H. S. Hazen, postage and stationery	1 47
W. H. Longley, labor at town house	2 00
S. R. Holden, services as sexton	24 00
E. L. White, time and expense for paupers and vault	7 70
E. L. White, perambulating Townsend and Lancaster lines	2 00
E. L. White, postage and stationery	1 83
E. L. White, lamp and chimney for town house	82
E. L. White, 4 M. limed shingles for hearse house	12 00
M. W. Longley, perambulating Townsend and Lancaster lines	4 00
M. W. Longley, R. R. fare and expense to Brighton (Vault)	2 75

M. W. Longley, stationery and postage	1 50	
W. M. Park, R. R. fare and expense to Brighton	$2 25	
W. M. Park, perambulating Townsend and Lancaster lines	3 00	
H. S. Hazen, auditing accounts, 1885	2 00	
		$1032 33

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1885, ITEMIZED.

John Anderson, paid at Athol	$2 00	
Lewis Allen, paid at Ayer	2 00	
Henry Bruseau, left town	2 00	
John Bohanon, gone to Nashua, N. H.	2 00	
Josiah Q. Bull, paid at Lawrence	2 00	
Frank Forbes, left town	2 00	
W. B. Hartwell, money not taxable here	8 60	
Tuffy Lambert, paid at Lancaster	2 00	
Michael McDonough, paid at Leominster	2 00	
P. Ready, paid at Ayer	2 00	
C. D. Rowell, paid at Buffalo, N. Y.	2 00	
Alden G. Snell, on account of age	2 00	
George Thayer, paid at Marshfield	2 00	
Robert Whitaker, Jr., paid at Cambridge	2 00	
Wm. Wyman, gone to Mason, N. H.	2 00	
A. Samuel Rockwood, overtaxed	2 15	
David P. Kilburn, paid poll tax in Fitchburg	2 17	
		$40 92

PAUPERS.

Louisa Bruce, aid to Elizabeth Lawton	$106 00	
A. A. Plympton, M. D., aid to Elizabeth Lawton	75	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, aid to Elizabeth Lawton	5 07	
Waite Bros., aid to Elizabeth Lawton	10	
		$111 92
Louisa Bruce, aid to John Fletcher	$132 50	
James R. Gray, aid to John Fletcher	5 00	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, aid to John Fletcher	7 68	
		145 18
Louisa Bruce, aid to Chas. C. Morgan	$101 42	
A. A. Plympton, M. D., aid to Chas. C. Morgan	2 50	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, aid to Chas. C. Morgan	11 75	
Town of Gardner, aid to Chas. C. Morgan	53 55	
		169 22
Thaddeus Balcom, aid to Benj. G. Farmer	$123 66	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Benj. G. Farmer	3 60	
		$127 26
Asylum for Chronic Insane, aid to Chas. E. Wheeler		195 91
C. M. Miller, aid to Daniel Holden		136 75
Mary Newman, aid to D. B. Crosbee	$61 43	
C. & G. H. Bixby, aid to D. B. Crosbee	2 50	
		63 93

Waite Bros., aid to John Burno		12 00
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Frank Burno		104 00
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Caton family	$156 00	
O. M. Bennett, aid to Caton family	4 00	
		160 00
A. A. Plympton, M. D., aid to Mary Roche		5 00
M. H. Brownson, aid to Mrs. D. Hartwell	50	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, aid to Mrs. D. Hartwell	26 01	
A. A. Plympton, M. D., aid to Mrs. D. Hartwell	7 50	
		34 01
Waite Bros., aid to Mary Dailey	$60 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Mary Dailey	2 81	
O. M. Bennett, aid to Mary Dailey	15 50	
		78 81
C. J. Pierce, M. D., aid to Mrs. J. Pecue	$3 00	
A. A. Plympton, M. D., aid to Mrs. J. Pecue's child	3 00	
		6 00
		$1349 99

PAUPERS HAVING SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

Waite Bros., aid to Joseph Piper	$55 00
A. Lawton & Son, aid to Joseph Piper	4 00
O. F. Lawrence, aid to Joseph Piper, burying child	9 25

Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, aid to Joseph Piper	$42 00	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., aid to Joseph Piper	6 00	
		$116 25
Waite Bros., aid to Carrie Ritchie	$18 00	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, aid to Carrie Ritchie	22 55	
		40 55
Geo. Holden, aid to L. Augustus Lancey	$63 57	
A. A. Plympton, M. D., aid to L. Augustus Lancey	22 50	
		86 07
Emory Williams, aid to Cynthia A. Phelps	$25 50	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., aid to Cynthia A. Phelps	8 00	
		33 50
		$276 37

TRAMPS.

W. H. Cram, putting up 169 tramps, Dec. 28, 1885 to April 1, 1886	$84 50	
Amos W. Farrar, putting up 203 tramps, April 1, 1886 to March 1, 1887	50 75	
W. M. Park, aid to tramps	7 70	
		$142 95

MILITARY AID.

CHAP. 301.

Mary A. Howard	$48 00	
Henry Elmer	48 00	
Sarah Ames	48 00	
Granville P. Travis	48 00	
Elizabeth A. Travis	48 00	
William Williams	72 00	
Joel C. Neat	48 00	
		$360 00

CHAP. 252.

George L. Fuller		$138 00

SALARIES.

William M. Park, services as Assessor, 1885	$23 75
S. D. Benjamin, services as Assessor, 1886	36 25
J. E. Gardner, services as Assessor, 1886	40 00
J. P. Hazen, services as Assessor, 1886	33 75
G. C. Boutwell, services as School Committee	48 00
Jonas Longley, services as School Committee	57 50
J. P. Hazen, services as School Committee	43 50
Jonas Longley, services as Town Clerk	10 00
H. S. Hazen, services as Town Treasurer	40 00
E. L. White, services as Registrar	5 00
M. W. Longley, services as Registrar	5 00
W. M. Park, services as Registrar	5 00

Jonas Longley, services as Registrar	$5 00	
E. L. White, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	70 00	
M. W. Longley, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	70 00	
W. M. Park, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	65 00	
		$557 75

SHIRLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

S. W. Longley, books and express	9 22	
Baker Bros., printed covers	5 50	
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books	193 09	
J. H. Turner, printing cards and catalogues	10 00	
A. A. Warner, stove, pipe and zinc	9 50	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, sundries	69	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, rent of store	20 00	
		$248 00

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$2232 01	
Transportation of scholars	80 00	
Repairs to school-houses, etc.	72 08	
School books	302 64	
		$2686 73
Highways	$837 42	
Removing snow	114 86	
Bridges, railings and guide-posts	129 47	
Tools and repairs to tools	39 36	
		$1121 11

Tools on hand	$250 00	
Bridge plank, stringers and railings on hand	250 00	
Mitchellville bridge		1900 30
Incidentals		1032 33
Paupers		1349 99
Paupers having a settlement elsewhere		276 37
Tramps		142 95
Military aid (Chap. 301)		360 00
Military aid (Chap. 252)		138 00
Salaries		557 75
Shirley Public Library		248 00
		$9813 53
Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1885	$1246 57	
Amount paid treasurer by collector for 1886	6895 52	
County tax paid by collector for 1886	360 73	
Amount due from collector for 1886	711 32	
		$9214 14

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due to Parker School Fund	$2993 46	
J. P. Haven, admr. loan for bridge	1000 00	
J. P. Hazen, admr. and P. B. Bancroft, admx., loan for bridge	400 00	
		$4393 46
Due from collector for 1886	$711 32	
State for military aid (Chap. 301)	420 00	
State for military aid (Chap. 252)	81 00	
Town of Lunenburg for aid to L. Augustus Lancey	86 07	
Town of Townsend for aid to Mrs. Cynthia A. Phelps	33 50	

Town of Southbridge for aid to Carrie Ritchie children	$8 55	
Town of Oxford for aid to Joseph Piper	13 25	
Cash in hands of treasurer	1262 25	
		2615 94
Balance against the town		$1777 52
Amount of Henry Cemetery Fund in Fitchburg Savings Bank, March 1, 1887		$671 42

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
WILLIAM M. PARK
} Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. S. Hazen, Town Treasurer, in account with the town of Shirley:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 3, 1886	$618 48
From Town of Lancaster, tuition for scholars	14 00
Town of Oxford, aid to Joseph Piper	103 00
Town of Southbridge, aid to Carrie Ritchie	32 00
City of Boston, aid to P. H. McGuinniskin's family	14 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax	744 89
State Treasurer, national bank tax	291 64
State Treasurer, state aid, Acts 1879, Chap. 252	78 50

State Treasurer, state aid, Acts 1879, Chap. 301	$220 00	
State Treasurer, income of school fund	216 52	
County Treasurer, dog fund for 1886	99 90	
E. L. White, stone from reservoir	7 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., hay from Village cemetery	2 50	
J. P. Hazen, admr., loan for bridge	1000 00	
J. P Hazen, admr. and P. B. Bancroft, admx., loan for bridge	400 00	
W. H. Cram, collector, 1885	1246 57	
W. H. Cram, collector, 1886	6895 52	
		$11,984 52

EXPENDITURES.

Paid firemen	$189 00	
State tax	600 00	
Interest on Parker School Fund note	119 74	
Selectmen's orders	9813 53	
Cash in bank and on hand	1262 25	
		$11,984 52

H. S. HAZEN, Treasurer.

Shirley, Mass., March 4, 1887.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor for the year ending March 1, 1887, and find them correct and in good shape, with proper vouchers for all disbursements made by them.

JOHN W. THACHER,
JOHN G. CONANT,
A. A. PLIMPTON, } Auditors.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

State tax	$600 00	
County tax	360 73	
Schools	2200 00	
Highways	800 00	
Incidentals	3000 00	
Memorial	25 00	
Shirley Public Library	250 00	
Suppression of sale of intoxicating liquor	100 00	
Mitchellville Bridge	500 00	
Overlayings	131 84	
		$7967 57

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1886.

Real estate	$563,442 00	
Personal estate	113,234 50	
		$676,676 50
Deduct for exempts		7,550 00
Total taxable property		$669,126 50

Rate per cent	.01095
Number of polls	476
Number of houses	297
Number of horses	196
Number of cows	385
Number of sheep	29
Number of swine	44
Number of cattle other than cows	166
Number of acres of land	9300

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Appropriation at annual meeting.		$250 00

EXPENDITURES.

De Wolfe, Fiske & Co. and others, for books	$200 09	
Freight, express, etc.	2 22	
Baker Bros., for covers	5 50	
A. A. Warner, stove and pipe	9 50	
Printing catalogues, cards, etc.	10 00	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, for rent	20 00	
Sundries	69	
		$248 00
Balance of appropriation unexpended		$2 00
Received for catalogues, fines, etc.		$8 07

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Number of books last year	277
Added by purchase	228
Number of books in library March 1, 1887	505
Number of pamphlets in library	25
Number of days library was open	46
Number of persons taking books	248
Number of books taken for home use	3331

We are pleased to report the books and property in good condition and would recommend the appropriation of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the support and maintainance of the library for the coming year.

S. W. LONGLEY,
HOMER WILSON,
W. F. HOLBROOK,
} Board of Trustees of Shirley Public Library.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF REGISTRATION.

MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR 1886.

March 9. Frank Ritchie and Delia Sandy, Worcester.
April 8. Albert S. Fuller and Annie M. Foss.
8. William H. Plummer, Winchester, N. H., and Abby L. Clark.
29. Herbert E. Holden and Emma C. McDowell, Leominster.
May 16. Joseph Simerd and Caroline Lafleche.
June 13. James F. Brown and Juliatta E. Davis.
18. F. H. Jenkins, Shirley, and Sarah E. Hartwell, Leominster.
Aug. 22. Albert C. Hart, Ayer, and Rosie Wheeler.
Sept. 5. Charles McGunness and Mary Hunt.
20. Henry E. Pierce and Emma H. Smith.
Oct. 20. William H. Wilbur and Cora F. Sanderson.
Nov. 7. William L. Chase, Ayer, and Ella C. Davis.
24. Frank E. Holman, Clinton, and Nellie C. Holden.
Dec. 18. Waldo F. Cummings, Gardner, and Emma L. Balch
23. Herbert W. Sanderson and Abby L. Hutchins, Westford.
26. William A. L. Crockett, Lunenburg, and Lillian Jenkins.

BIRTHS.

Twenty-four births have been registered in the town of Shirley for the year 1886; thirteen females and eleven males.

DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1886.

Feb. 13. George C. Andrews, 67 yrs. 1 mo. 6 dys., Scituate, R. I.
26. William H. White, 71 yrs. 4 mos. 6 dys., Mansfield
Mar. 14. William H. Wetherbee, 70 yrs. 1 mo. 26 dys., Lancaster.

May	1.	Alden G. Snell, 77 yrs. 4 mos. 21 dys., Westport.
	13.	Mary Edgarton, 73 yrs. 2 mos. 22 dys., Shirley.
	23.	Minnie N. Wilson, 46 yrs. 8 mos. 6 dys., Winchester, Conn.
	30.	Mary M. Jenkins, 20 yrs., Townsend.
	31.	M. J. Mulligan, 71 yrs. 2 mos. 24 dys., England.
Aug.	10.	William Shucrowe, 7 mos. 19 dys., Shirley.
	13.	Joseph Pippin, 4 mos. 11 dys., Shirley.
	13.	Clara M. Ballou, 41 yrs. 8 mos. 13 dys., Shirley.
	13.	Linus Green, 63 yrs. 7 mos. 4 dys., Whitingham, Vermont.
Sept.	7.	James McClellan, 72 yrs. 2 mos. 28 dys., Ireland.
	9.	Unknown.
	22.	John Foster, 40 yrs. 3 mos., Chelsea.
Oct.	7.	Joseph E. S. Hazard, 2 yrs. 10 mos. 5 dys., Ayer.
Nov.	7.	Watson Wood, 85 yrs. 11 mos. 4 dys., Groton.
	8.	William O'Mealey, 1 mo., Shirley.
Dec.	9.	Marry Barrett, 60 yrs., Ireland.

DOGS.

Fifty-five dogs have been registered from May 1, 1886, to May 1, 1887. The amount of fees received, $122.

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of notes with securities	$4443 46	
Cost of land in grove	533 00	
Blacksmith shop	100 00	
Arrearage of interest and small debts	250 24	
Money in treasury	104 15	
		$5430 85

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

To Jonas Longley, Clerk of the Town of Shirley, in said County, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Postoffice in Shirley, and a like copy at the Postoffice in Shirley Village, eight days at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters in said Town to assemble in the Town Hall, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the annual report of the Selectmen, and of any Committee heretofore chosen.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, and all for a longer time.

Art. 4. To vote by ballot Yes, or No, on the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the roads the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for all other usual and necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise the sum of twenty-five dollars for decoration purposes, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise any sum of money for care of the cemeteries.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will let the collecting of taxes to the lowest bidder, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors kept for sale contrary to law.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to have care of the cemetery in Shirley Village, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will grant leave to James F. Brown and Samuel F. Beard to take lots in the Village cemetery.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to the bequest of the late Mrs. Mary D. Whitney.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the Public Library.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant to one of the Selectmen, at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Shirley, this fifth day of March, A. D. 1887.

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
WM. M. PARK,
} Selectmen of Shirley.

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

M. A. Hodgman, cleaning	$1 50	
M. E. Adams, teaching	151 00	
Leon C. Holden, care	11 25	
David Huston, care	2 25	
Waldo G. Farnsworth, cutting wood	4 07	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood	13 00	
Mary M. Longley, teaching	150 00	
E. L. White, wood	1 00	
Jonas Longley, broom	30	
		$334 37

No. 3.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.

L. B. Grigson, teaching	$168 00	
A. S. Colburn, teaching	302 50	
F. M. Whitcomb, teaching	279 00	
Ruth Burrage, teaching	9 00	
John Whiteley, wood	30 00	
J. P. Hazen, wood	6 00	
Henry Lawton, cutting wood	6 00	
Henry Anderson, care	12 10	
Henry Lawton, care	7 50	
William H. Young, care	10 00	
		$830 10

No. 8.

INTERMEDIATE.

S. Longley and T. L. Hazen, use of Hazen block	$36 00	
Sarah J. Wyman, teaching	189 00	
Michael Katen, care	7 30	
John Whiteley, wood	10 00	
J. P. Hazen, wood	3 00	
Henry Lawton, cutting wood	2 00	
M. H. Burns, cutting wood and mowing grass	3 50	
		$250 80

No. 5.

Mary M. Longley, teaching	$80 00	
L. M. Barker, teaching	140 00	
Esther Farnsworth, care	2 50	
J. H. Barker, care	6 00	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood	12 00	
W. G. Farnsworth, cutting wood	1 25	
J. H. Barker, cutting wood	2 65	
Geo. H. Powers, cleaning	1 00	
		$245 40

No. 6.

J. P. Thompson, cutting wood	$2 50	
Sara E. Longley, teaching	270 00	
S. LeRoy Longley, care	8 40	
Eddie Thompson, cutting wood	3 75	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood	12 00	
Jonas Longley, two brooms	60	
		$297 25

SHAKER SCHOOL.

Annie Bell Tuttle, teaching		$175 00

TRANSPORTING SCHOLARS.

G. W. Randlett	$50 00	
N. D. Sanderson	10 00	
C. E. Dodge	16 00	
J. E. Gardner	16 00	
		$92 00

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL-HOUSES, CRAYONS, ETC.

G. M. Ballou, repairs to No. 3 and 8	$108 94	
Peasley & Farrar, repairs to No. 8	30	
Peasley & Farrar, repairs to No. 3	45	
Conant Bros. & Co., broom to No. 8	35	
R. M. Priest, repairs to No. 8	3 30	
R. M. Priest, repairs to No. 3	13 66	
Foster & Co., repairs to No. 3	1 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., repairs to No. 3	3 10	
A. A. Warner, repairs to No. 3	5 00	
Wm. Sawtell, repairs to No. 3	1 32	
S. P. Holden, repairs to No. 1	1 51	
D. Huston, repairs to No. 1	5 19	
Conant Bros. & Co., broom and pail to No. 1	70	
Peasley & Farrar, repairs to No. 1	66	
Peasley & Farrar, repairs to No. 5	48	
D. Huston, repairs to No. 5	1 70	
Conant Bros. & Co., repairs to No. 5	36	
A. A. Warner,	15 93	
W. W. Farrar, repairs to clocks Nos. 1, 5 and 6	1 50	
Jonas Longley, broom to No. 5	30	
J. P. Thompson, repairs to No. 6	9 37	
Henry Elmer, moving seats	2 00	
J. L. Hammett, ink wells	45	
		$177 57

SCHOOL BOOKS.

White, Smith & Co.	$3 90	
Interstate Publishing Co.	25 88	
Geo. S. Perry	3 50	
Porter & Coates	6 00	
Lovell & Co.	3 60	
Ginn & Co.	3 75	
William Ware & Co.	24 67	
F. M. Ambrose	12 06	
Silver, Rogers & Co.	12 00	
Harrison Hume	10 50	
Sheldon & Co.	3 75	
Jonas Longley, express on books	2 05	
Thompson, Brown & Co.	1 50	
Florence M. Whitcomb, sandpaper	45	
Lee & Shepard, school books	3 00	
J. L. Hammett, school supplies	76 70	
Chas. H. Whiting, school supplies	7 88	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., school supplies	6 30	
Conant Bros. & Co., school supplies	15	
		$207 58

HIGHWAYS.

C. A. Longley, labor	$96 00
John M. Adams, labor	344 50
R. F. Colburn, labor	93 50
C. Chaplin, labor	1 62
P. Maguinnis, labor	3 64
E. Hammond, labor	2 00
N. Boda, labor	40
J. Deverney, labor	4 05
J. Colgan, labor	25 92
Wm. Hazzard, labor	71 28

J. Normandia, labor	$36 45	
R. Fletcher, labor	67 23	
P. Mitchell, labor	41 31	
J. Longley, labor	12 15	
G. A. Adams, labor	72 09	
M. Gately, labor	12 96	
J. R. Holden, labor	2 00	
J. C. Ayers, labor	81	
S. Sandlin, labor	6 48	
W. H. Longley, labor	1 62	
W. H. Cram, gravel	11 50	
Thomas Geary, gravel	1 00	
M. W. Longley, gravel	8 00	
J. P. Hazen, covering stone	6 00	
W. L. Sanderson, covering stone	1 50	
Peasley and Farrar, powder, fuse, nails, etc.	5 37	
John M. Adams, labor on Holden road	8 00	
R. F. Colburn, labor on Holden road	2 00	
S. Sandlin, labor on Holden road	1 62	
M. Gately, labor on Holden road	1 62	
		$942 62

REMOVING SNOW.

C. A. Longley	$17 45
J. M. Adams	38 00
R. F. Colburn	11 80
G. A. Adams	8 08
J. P. Thompson	16 38
Hezzie Spaulding	6 25
C. D. Rowell	3 20
Arthur Seymore	2 43
J. H. Sinclair	2 43
Louis Stebbins	4 05

S. B. Scott	$8 91	
A. Adams	3 68	
J. C. Ayer	6 08	
O. Nelson	3 68	
G. W. Randlett	7 73	
O. Haradon	3 68	
R. Fletcher	9 28	
N. Anderson	3 04	
J. Longley	3 76	
H. M. Holden	6 96	
D. Huston	10 88	
A. M. Holden	1 71	
E. G. Adams	3 04	
J. W. Thacher and son	16 19	
J. C. Neat	6 00	
H. W. Farrar	2 08	
G. L. Farrar	1 60	
Oliver Balcom	3 24	
A. L. Parker	7 04	
E. L. White	23 85	
E. A. Jenkins	4 88	
Elliott Barker	32	
Walter Knights	40	
Thomas Casey	40	
Bert Knights	80	
J. C. C. Parker	2 48	
P. Mitchell	2 72	
G. H. Powers	1 20	
F. W. Bruce	4 00	
E. S. Parker	1 50	
John Gordon	1 62	
C. J. Bruce	2 00	
Eugene Griffin	2 10	
N. Holden	3 36	
		$270 28

BRIDGES, RAILINGS AND GUIDE POSTS.

D. Huston, labor on bridge	$3 00	
C. A. Longley, labor on bridge	15 00	
John M. Adams, labor on bridge	22 50	
R. F. Colburn, labor on bridge	6 50	
R. Fletcher, labor on bridge and spikes	2 30	
G. M. Ballou, labor and stock on bridge	10 60	
Conant Bros. & Co., nails and spikes	3 07	
E. L. White, bridge stringers	30 02	
E. L. White, bridge plank	27 55	
E. L. White, work on bridge	1 75	
G. A. Adams, work on bridge	4 86	
Samuel Sandlin, work on bridge	4 86	
W. H. Longley, work on bridge	3 24	
Wm. Hazzard, work on bridge	4 86	
H. M. Holden, work on bridge	2 00	
O. F. Lawrence, work on bridge	3 03	
J. M. Adams, work on railings	10 00	
R. F. Colburn, work on railings	4 00	
John Whiteley, work on railings	4 00	
C. A. Longley, one guide post	75	
E. L. White, eight guide posts	6 00	
C. A. Longley, labor on guide posts	4 00	
R. M. Priest, painting guide posts	9 44	
		$183 33

TOOLS AND REPAIRS TO TOOLS.

D. Huston, painting road machine	$9 00
C. A. Longley, freight on machine plates	30
Geo. Tyler, repairs to road machine	12 00
C. H. Miner, repairs to tools	7 50
Conant Bros. & Co., tools	5 70

Peasley & Farrar, repairs to road machine	$3 50	
N. A. Holden, repairs to road machine	5 75	
Emory Williams, making drag	2 00	
E. L. White, drag plank	2 25	
		$53 35

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Amount of bridge plank stringers and guide posts on hand	$125 00	
Amount of tools and implements on hand	250 00	
		$375 00

C. A. LONGLEY,
J. M. ADAMS,
R. F. COLBURN,
} Road Commissioners.

Shirley, March 1, 1888.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

E. G. Adams, labor on town-house	$6 00
David Huston, care of town-house	7 80
S. R. Holden, repairs to hearse-house	5 68
A. Adams, repairs to town-house	5 79
L. A. Wood, repairs to town pump	35
J. H. Turner, printing town reports	29 00
J. H. Turner, printing for school committee	1 50
J. H. Turner, printing blanks and envelopes	4 00
H. O. Peasley, insuring engine-house	13 50
E. Tatro, care of engine-house	13 75
M. R. Warren, assessor's book	1 25

J. Longley, expense memorial day	$1 66
A. A. Warner, sundries for town-house	3 63
Baker Bros., record book	6 00
C. H. Andrews, labor in center cemetery	8 10
W. M. Sargent, 1000 order blanks	1 50
Norcross, Hartwell & Baker, advice to assessors	4 00
J. H. Turner, printing school reports	16 00
J. H. Turner, printing postals and horse-thief notices	3 75
Melvin W. Longley, expense in cider cases	10 00
David Huston, painting and repairing hearse-house and cemetery gates	7 25
N. C. Anderson, cutting grass in center cemetery	5 00
R. F. Colburn, labor in village cemetery	3 50
Conant Bros. & Co., mirrors for town-house	1 80
Conant Bros. & Co., sundries memorial day	4 95
Peasley & Farrar, sundries for hearse-house	9 04
Peasley & Farrar, sundries for town-house	15
Peasley & Farrar, sundries for engine-house	42
Frederick Whitney, painting and repairing hearse	45 75
W. H. Cram, care of engine-house	2 50
William M. Park, labor at village cemetery	20 25
Norcross, Hartwell & Baker, advice to assessors	2 00

R. M. Priest, packing for engine	$0 75
A. S. Jackson, repairs on engine	13 00
A. A. Fillebrown, repairs on engine	75
Levi Wallace, legal services	40 00
A. B. Cook, surveying Ballou road	3 00
A. A. Plimpton, reporting births	4 50
Albert Adams, labor in vault	10 50
E. G. Adams, labor in vault	4 63
W. H. Atwood, legal services	42 00
Thomas K. Fiske, use of watering trough	3 00
G. M. Ballou, labor and stock for vault	34 02
Gilbert Cook, use of watering trough	3 00
Flanders & Turner, trimmings for hearse	9 50
S. R. Holden, sexton's services	13 00
S. LeRoy Longley, cutting wood at town-house	50
Peasley & Farrar, supplies for engine	63
Peasley & Farrar, supplies for town-hall	1 07
A. W. Farrar, painting and repairing hearse	20 00
W. H. Cram, services as truant officer	3 25
Jonas Longley, express	1 50
Jonas Longley, postage	1 12
Jonas Longley, time and expense to Townsend	1 50
Jonas Longley, recording births, marriages and deaths	14 85
W. H. Cram, collection of taxes for 1886	119 00
W. H. Cram, abatements of taxes for 1886	36 92

J. P. Hazen, railroad fare, express and telegram	$1 78	
A. A. Warner, water cooler for town-house	3 87	
C. A. Longley, two brooms for town-house	50	
A. Adams, administrating oaths to town officers	3 50	
A. Adams, repairs to town-house	1 00	
G. C. Boutwell, car fare and express	2 60	
H. S. Hazen, postage and stationery	1 55	
Chas. J. Peirce, M. D., returning births	3 25	
Chas. J. Peirce. M. D., professional services by order of school committee	1 25	
Conant Bros. & Co., repairs to town-house	26	
O. F. Lawrence, sexton services	31 50	
H. C. Sherwin, quartermaster Post 48, G. A. R.	18 39	
M. W. Longley, postage and stationery	2 00	
M. W. Longley, two telegrams	50	
E. L. White, postage and stationery	1 89	
E. L. White, lumber to repair house	75	
E. L. White, letter file-book	75	
E. L. White, 1034 feet of boards for town-house	14 49	
		$717 54

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1886, ITEMIZED.

James McClellan, poll tax, deceased	$2 00
Mitchell Devarney, poll tax, inserted twice	2 00
William Ford, poll tax, Leominster	2 00
Geo. Holroyd, personal and poll tax, Waltham	2 55

Chas. Johnson, poll tax, left town	$2 00	
Waldo Kitteredge, poll tax, Leominster	2 00	
Michael McDonough, poll tax, Leominster	2 00	
C. Edgar Richards, poll tax, Ayer	2 00	
Henry P. S. Stone, poll tax, Baltimore, Md.	2 00	
Charles A. Warren, poll tax, Kansas	2 00	
James Welch, poll tax, Togus, Me.	2 00	
Robert Whittaker, poll tax, Newton	2 00	
Geo. T. Washington, poll tax, Hyannis	2 00	
Albert Washington, poll tax, Boston	2 00	
Charles Davis, poll tax, Townsend	2 00	
Samuel C. Rockwood, Groton	2 47	
Lucy Crossman, over taxed	1 12	
Geo. Holroyd, entered twice	2 55	
		$36 69

C. A. LONGLEY,
J. E. GARDNER,
J. P. HAZEN,
} Assessors of Shirley.

Feb. 28, 1888.

PAUPERS.

Louisa Bruce, aid to Elizabeth Lawton	$101 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Elizabeth Lawton	1 08	
Walter Wright & Son, coffin and robe for Elizabeth Lawton	13 00	
A. A. Plimpton, professional services to Elizabeth Lawton	75	
C. J. Peirce, professional services to Elizabeth Lawton	5 25	
Peasley & Farrar, aid to Elizabeth Lawton	4 71	
		$125 79

Louisa Bruce, aid to John Fletcher	$130 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to John Fletcher	1 58	
Peasley & Farrar, aid to John Fletcher	3 31	
		$134 89
Louisa Bruce, aid to Chas. C. Morgan	$124 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Chas. C. Morgan	18 00	
Peasley & Farrar, aid to Chas. C. Morgan	2 00	
O. F. Lawrence, coffin and robe for Chas. C. Morgan	13 00	
A. A. Plimpton, professional services to Chas. C. Morgan	6 50	
C. J. Pierce, professional services to Chas. C. Morgan	1 00	
J. R. Gray, aid to Chas. C. Morgan	1 75	
E. L. White, aid to Chas. C. Morgan	15	
		148 58
Waite Bros., aid to Mary Dailey	$84 00	
O. M. Bennett, aid to Mary Dailey	1 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Mary Dailey	14 80	
		100 30
Thaddeus Balcom, aid to B. G. Farmer	$121 32	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to B. G. Farmer	2 63	
		123 95
Town of Petersham, aid to Abel Hastings and wife	$34 95	
M. W. Longley, expense in Abel Hastings' case	6 01	
		40 96

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aid to Caroline Washington	$7 14	$7 14
Mary Newman, aid to D. B. Crosbee	$141 00	
C. & G. H. Bixby, aid to D. B. Crosbee	10 52	
		151 52
Asylum for Chronic Insane, aid to Chas. E. Wheeler	$188 26	
E. L. White, expense to Worcester for Chas. E. Wheeler	1 70	
		189 96
C. M. Miller, aid to Daniel Holden	$135 65	135 65
Life Baldwin, aid to Caroline Orcutt	$165 00	165 00
O. M. Bennett, aid to Mrs. Shucrow	$5 38	5 38
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Mrs. Caton	$107 00	
O. M. Bennett, aid to Mrs. Caton	1 50	
		108 50
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Frank Burno	$106 00	106 00
Peasley & Farrar, aid to Mrs. David Hartwell	$46 47	
Flanders & Turner, aid to Mrs. David Hartwell	1 33	
Mrs. Frank Hodgman, aid to Mrs. David Hartwell	5 57	
		53 37

Louisa Bruce, aid to Mrs. Geo. Andrews	$35 00	
Mary Daily, aid to Mrs. Geo. Andrews	36 00	
C. J. Peirce, professional services to Mrs. Geo. Andrews	43 50	
		$114 50
Town of Webster, aid to Jerry Flynn	$3 75	
William M. Park, aid to Jerry Flynn	8 00	
Patrick Donlon, Jr., ticket to England for Mrs. Flynn	20 00	
		31 75
Wilson & Holbrook, aid to Peter Butcher, Jr.	$2 05	
W. H. Cram, aid to Peter Butcher, Jr.	2 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Peter Butcher, Jr.	27 00	
		$31 05
		$1774 29

PAUPERS HAVING SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

O. F. Lawrence, for burial expenses of Stephen Munroe	$13 00	
C. J. Peirce, M. D., for professional services to Wm. C. LaPoint's family	43 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., for aid to Wm. C. LaPoint's family	155 00	
E. L. White, for aid to Wm. C. LaPoint's family	3 10	
		$214 60
Conant Bro's & Co., for aid to Mason Jones	$21 00	
W. H. Cram, for aid to Mason Jones	2 00	
O. M. Bennett, for aid to Mason Jones	7 37	
		30 37
		$244 97

STATE PAUPERS.

M. W. Longley, for aid to John H. Curtis	$2 00	
Wm. M. Park, for aid to John H. Curtis	6 00	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., for aid to John Curtis	1 75	
		$9 75
Wm. Williams, for aid to Henry Warrington	$16 60	
Wm. M. Park, for aid to Henry Warrington	95	
		17 55
Wm. M. Park, for aid to Louis J. Goodhue	$0 95	
M. W. Longley, for aid to Louis J. Goodhue	1 00	
		1 95
		$274 22

TRAMPS.

A. W. Farrar, for lodging 308 tramps	$77 00	
Wm. M. Park, for aid to tramps	3 15	
E. L. White, for aid to tramps	1 50	
		$81 65

MILITARY AID.

CHAP. 301.

Mary A. Howard	$30 00	
Henry Elmer	48 00	
Sarah Ames	48 00	
Granville P. Travis	48 00	
Elizabeth A. Travis	48 00	
Joel C. Neat	48 00	
William Williams	72 00	
		$342 00

CHAP. 252.

George L. Fuller		$36 00

SALARIES.

Jonas Longley, services as School Committee	$50 75	
C. A. Longley, services as Assessor	25 00	
Jonas Longley, services as Town Clerk	10 00	
Jonas Longley, services as Registrar	5 00	
J. P. Hazen, services as assessor	41 87	
J. P. Hazen, services as School Committee	42 75	
J. E. Gardner, services as Assessor	44 30	
G. C. Boutwell, services as School Committee	28 00	
H. S. Hazen, services as Treasurer	40 00	
Wm. M. Park, services as Selectman and Overseer	50 00	
Wm. M. Park, services as Registrar	3 00	
M. W. Longley, services as Registrar	5 00	
M. W. Longley, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	85 00	
E. L. White, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	85 00	
E. L. White, services as Registrar	5 00	
		$520 67

SHIRLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

W. C. Babcock, for Blaine's book	$3 17	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	45 52	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	39 27	
John H. Turner, for printing catalogues and cards	29 50	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, for rent of store	9 54	
		$127 00

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$2132 92	
Transportation of scholars	92 00	
Repairs to school-houses, crayons, etc.	177 57	
School-books	207 58	
		$2610 07
Highways	$942 62	
Removing snow	270 28	
Bridges, railings, and guide-posts	183 33	
Tools and repairs to tools	53 35	
Incidentals	717 54	
Paupers	1774 29	
Paupers having settlement elsewhere	244 97	
Paupers, state	29 25	
Tramps	81 65	
Military aid, Chap. 301	342 00	
Military aid, Chap. 252	36 00	
Salaries	520 67	
Shirley Public Library	127 00	
		$7933 02

Amount paid Treasurer by Collector for 1886		$705 16
Amount paid Treasurer by Collector for 1887	5845 02	
County tax paid by Collector for 1887	420 85	
Amount due from Collector for 1887	1206 36	
		$7472 23

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due Betsey D. Hazen loan	$1400 00	
Due Parker School Fund	2993 46	
		$4393 46
Due from Collector for 1887	$1206 36	
From State for military aid, Chap. 301	402 00	
From State for military aid, Chap. 252	30 00	
From Town of Townsend, for aid to Cynthia A. Phelps	33 50	
From Town of Ayer, for aid to Wm. C. LaPoint's family	201 60	
From City of Boston, for aid to Mason T. Jones	30 37	
Cash in bank and on hand	134 47	
		2038 30
Balance against the town		$2355 16

	$705 16	
Amount on Collector's book for 1886, which Assessor's report should be corrected by abatement of taxes	6 16	
		$711 32
Amount of Henry Cemetery fund in Fitchburg Saving's Bank, March 1, 1888		$698 27

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
WILLIAM M. PARK,
Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Shirley.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. S. HAZEN, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Shirley:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 1st, 1887	$1262 25
From Town of Oxford, aid to Joseph Piper	13 25
Town of Southbridge, aid to Carrie Ritchie	8 55
Town of Lunenburg, aid to L. A. Lancey	86 07
Town of Littleton, for burial expenses of Stephen Munroe	13 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax	379 28
State Treasurer, national bank tax	296 72
State Treasurer, state aid, Acts 1879, Chap. 252	69 00
State Treasurer, state aid, Act 1879, Chap. 501	360 00
State Treasurer, income of school fund	214 96

County Treasurer, dog fund for 1887	107 73	
David Huston, use of town hall	2 00	
Dexter Bruce, old bridge plank	3 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., hay from village cemetery	3 00	
Betsy D. Hazen, loan	1400 00	
W. H. Cram, collector 1886	$705 16	
W. H. Cram, collector 1887	5845 02	
		$10,767 99

EXPENDITURES.

Paid firemen	$229 24	
State tax	900 00	
Interest on Parker School fund note	119 74	
J. P. Hazen, administrator, note and interest for one year and twenty days	1036 94	
P. B. Bancroft, administrator, and and J. P. Hazen, administrator, note and interest for one year and fifteen days	414 58	
Selectmen's orders	7933 02	
Cash in bank and on hand	134 47	
		$10,767 99

H. S. HAZEN, Treasurer.

Shirley, Mass., March 6, 1887.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending March 1, 1888, and find them correct and in good shape, with proper vouchers for all disbursements made by them.

JOHN W. THACHER,
A. A. PLIMPTON,
Auditors.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Statement of the Assessors of the town of Shirley for 1887.

State tax	$900 00	
County tax	420 85	
Schools	2000 00	
Highways	800 00	
Incidentals	3000 00	
Memorial	25 00	
Shirley Public Library	125 00	
Suppression of sale of intoxicating liquors	100 00	
Cemeteries	50 00	
		$7420 85
Overlayings		51 38
		$7472 23

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1887.

Real estate	$551,492 00	
Personal estate	89,466 00	
		$640,958 00
Deduct for exempts		6050 00
Total taxable property		$634,908 00

Rate per cent per $1000		$10 85
Number of polls	295	
Number of houses	294	
Number of horses	171	
Number of cows	334	
Number of sheep	16	
Number of swine	35	
Number of cattle other than cows	147	
Number of acres of land	9229	

C. A. LONGLEY,
J. E. GARDNER,
JACOB P. HAZEN,
Assessors of Shirley.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees present to the citizens of Shirley their third annual report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1888 :

Balance from appropriation of 1886	$2 00	
Appropriation at annual meeting	125 00	
Received for catalogues, fines, etc.	12 73	
		$139 73
Paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co. and others, for books	$88 86	
Printing catalogues, cards, etc.	29 50	
Binding books	2 75	
Freight, express, etc.	40	
Sundries	30	
Peasley, Wilson & Farrar, for rent	17 25	
		$139 06
Balance unexpended		67

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Number of books last year	505
Added by purchase	102
Total	607
Number of pamphlets	25
Number of days library was open	45
Number of persons taking books	251
Number of books taken for home use	3265

In reviewing the past year, the third of the Library, their seems, as in each previous year, evidence that we are making advances in various directions. The general awakening of interest concerning the reading issued from Public Libraries has not been without its effect upon us. Parents have, in some instances, been stimulated to greater watch-

fulness and care for the reading of their children, while your Trustees have shown an increased interest that nothing harmful or degenerating shall find a place upon our shelves. In times of general depression, like the present, when greater economy is demanded in private as well as in public affairs, there may arise a disposition to pursue a less generous policy toward our library. We cannot afford this. Mankind needs amusement, more especially when daily cares are onerous and perplexing. It is the privilege of the library to meet this want in a wholesome and varied manner, well selected books being fruitful always of entertainment, virtue and knowledge. We have a small and good library, but by no means a perfect one; in many branches it is deficient; to complete any one branch, however, would require an expenditure far beyond what would be deemed proper at the present time. It has been the aim of the Trustees to make our's a popular library, and in striving to furnish the best current literature of the day, we have also endeavored to secure much that is solid and more enduring. During the past year we have accomplished the work so long contemplated, and have the library, we trust, permanently and pleasantly located, in convenient and commodious quarters, for a term of years. We are also pleased to report the books and property of the library in good condition, and would recommend the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the support and maintenance of the library for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. LONGLEY,
N. J. ROWELL,
M. J. CONANT,
Trustees.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF REGISTRATION.

MARRIAGES IN 1887.

March 21. George L. Farrar and M. E. Parker, Pepperell.
March 27. George Billings and Abbie E. Brown, both of Lunenburg.
May 17. Wm. J. Harriman, Winchendon, and Maggie G. Kane.
Aug. 4. Elton M. Powers and Carrie E. Baker.
Oct. 1. Elbridge Rogers, Nashua, N. H., and Ella J. Holden.
Oct. 5. Andrew H. Phelps and R. E. McClellan.
Oct. 5. Frank D. Farley, Pepperell, and Ella F. Farnsworth.
Nov. 10. James A. Farquhar and Mary Locke, both of Leominster.
Nov. 23. Elmond G. Hodgkins and Minnie L. Blood, Groton.

BIRTHS IN 1887.

Twenty-one births have been registered—twelve females and nine males.

DEATHS IN 1887.

Jan. 18. Mary E. Welton, 62 yrs. 10 mos. 17 dys., birthplace Ireland.
Jan. 24. Lizzie C. Jenkins, 25 yrs. 6 mos. 22 dys., Shirley.
March 15. Hattie A. Powers, 24 yrs., St. Johns, N. B.
March 21. Stephen Munroe, 86 yrs., Littleton.
March 27. Mary A. Parker, 87 yrs. 8 mos. 27 dys., Shirley.
April 12. Leander A. Persons, 75 yrs. 6 mos. 27 dys., Weston, Vt.
May 3. Samuel Hazen, 42 yrs. 11 mos. 11 dys., Shirley.
May 20. C. L. Munson, 93 yrs. 1 mo., Manchester, Vt.
May 27. Cora Bell Abbott, 11 yrs. 9 mos.

Sept.	11.	Charles C. Morgan, 51 yrs., New Haven, Ct.
Sept.	28.	Wm. H. Linscott, 27 yrs. 5 mos. 4 dys., North Berwick, Me.
Sept.	29.	Augustus Pellitier, 4 yrs. 9 mos. 3 dys., Ayer.
Oct.	26.	Benjamin W. Robbins, 75 yrs. 6 mos., Lancaster.
Nov.	17.	Leonard M. Parker, 82 yrs. 10 mos. 13 dys., Shirley.
Dec.	24.	Ethel C. Lyon, 2 yrs. 4 mos., Shirley.

Fifty-three dogs have been registered from May 1, 1887, to May 1, 1888. The amount of fees received, $124.

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND.

Notes with securities	$4443 46	
Cost of land in Grove	533 00	
Blacksmith shop	100 00	
Interest due on notes	133 73	
Money in treasury	390 46	
		$5600 65

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

To Jonas Longley, Clerk of the Town of Shirley, in said County, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, your are hereby required by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Postoffice in Shirley, and a like copy at the Postoffice in Shirley Village, eight days at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters of said Town to assemble in the Town Hall, on Monday, the twelfth day of March, instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and of any committee heretofore chosen, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, and all for a longer time.

Art. 4. To vote by ballot, Yes or No, on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town."

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools and conveyance of scholars the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the Roads the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for all other usual and necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise the sum of twenty-five dollars for Decoration purposes, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise any sum of money for the care of the Cemeteries.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will let the collecting of taxes to the lowest bidder, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise the sum of one hundred dollars to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise any sum of money for the support of the Public Library.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will accept the provisions in regard to Selectmen and Board of Assessors, as contained in Chap. 255 of Statutes for the year 1878; also in regard to Overseers of the Poor, contained in Chap. 186 of the Statutes for the year 1877.

Sec. 14. To see if the Town will abolish the office of Road Commissioners.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to repair Maple street, and place the same in the hands of the Road Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of the Parker School Fund to sell the blacksmith-shop property, formerly owned by S. K. Blood.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to print the valuation of the Town for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to sell the safe in the Town-house, or act thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to one of the Selectmen, at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Shirley, this second day of March, A. D. 1888.

EDWIN L. WHITE,
MELVIN W. LONGLEY,
WM. M. PARK,

Selectmen of Shirley.

ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

Olof Nelson, cleaning	$3 00	
Leon C. Holden, care	13 90	
Nellie D. Winn, teaching	95 00	
Conant Bros., care	06	
A. E. Hitchcock, teaching	104 50	
Sam'l Farnsworth, wood	17 50	
S. Leroy Longley, sawing wood	62	
M. Lizzie Harty, teaching	110 00	
Thomas L. Hazen, wood	3 00	
		$347 58

No. 3.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.

Henry W. Lawton, care	$11 50	
Florence W. Whitcomb, teaching	99 00	
E. F. DeNormandie, teaching	176 00	
George Lucier, sawing wood	8 25	
Conant Bros, & Co., care	1 57	
Ada A. Billings, teaching	255 00	
G. A. Smith, teaching	315 00	
Erwin H. Livermore, care	3 85	
Herbert D. White, care	24 00	
Thomas L. Hazen, wood	32 00	
G. M. Ballou, wood	90	
N. J. Rowell, paint and cleaning	3 00	
Jacob P. Hazen, wood	1 50	
W. H. Cram, wood	2 00	
Arthur N. Whitney, teaching	13 50	
		$947 07

No. 8.

INTERMEDIATE.

S. J. Wyman, teaching	$110 00	
M. H. Burns, sawing wood and cutting grass	6 00	
N. J. Rowell, cleaning	5 65	
I. E. Pomfret, care	4 10	
Conant Bros. & Co., care	4 30	
Sarah L. Copeland, teaching	230 00	
Thomas L. Hazen, wood	16 00	
G. M. Ballou, wood	30	
Erwin H. Livermore, care	4 80	
		$381 15

No. 5.

Mary A. Hodgman, cleaning	$8 00	
Eliot Barker, care	8 40	
Sara E. Longley, teaching	80 00	
Nellie E. Leavitt, teaching	169 00	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood	10 00	
		275 40

No. 6.

Sarah L. Dinsmore, teaching	$297 00	
A. M. Thompson, care	2 25	
Conant Bros. & Co., care	25	
Samuel Farnsworth, wood	15 00	
Willard B. Kendall, care	3 50	
		318 00

SHAKER SCHOOL.

Annie Bell Tuttle, teaching		100 00
		$2369 20

TRANSPORTING SCHOLARS.

George Holden	$15 00	
John E. Gardner	10 00	
G. W. Randlett	42 00	
M. L. Frost, R. R. fare	2 00	
		$69 00

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL-HOUSES.

No. 1.		
G. M. Ballou, lumber and labor	$32 87	
S. R. Holden, labor	15 07	
S. P. Holden, labor	5 24	
Peasley & Farrar, repairs	2 23	
		$55 41
No. 3.		
M. H. Burns, whitewashing and labor	$2 25	
Alonzo Freeman, cleaning clock	50	
R. M. Priest,	36 46	
N. J. Rowell, repairs	35	
G. M. Ballou, repairs	8 00	
J. M. Adams, teaming gravel	5 00	
G. A. Adams, grading	1 62	
		54 18
No. 4.		
S. P. Holden, labor	$1 51	
J. P. Thompson, repairs	7 25	
		8 76
No. 5.		
E. L. White, shingles, &c.	$25 61	
George & L. J. Farnsworth, labor	11 25	
Waldo G. Farnsworth, labor	4 50	
A. A. Warner, repairs	20 09	
		61 45
No. 6.		
S. P. Holden, labor	65	
Willard B. Kendall	85	
		1 50
No. 8.		
Alonzo Freeman, cleaning clock	$1 00	
N. J. Rowell, ventilators, repairs	1 00	
G. M. Ballou, repairs	1 56	
		3 56
		$184 86

SCHOOL BOOKS.

William Ware & Co.	$17 66	
A. C. Stocking	47 23	
Carl Schoenhof	5 28	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	15 90	
G. H. McGregor	19 75	
B. A. Fowler	25 00	
J. L. Hammett	23 80	
Boston School Supply Co.	20 58	
N. J. Rowell, sundries	1 08	
Harper Brothers	27 00	
Harrison Hume	1 50	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	30 18	
Porter & Coats	5 00	
Conant Bros. & Co.	1 05	
		$241 01

HIGHWAYS.

Michael H. Gately	$14 58
Patrick Mitchell	84 24
William Bulger	78 56
William Hazard	8 10
George A. Adams	95 98
John M. Adams	482 00
James Corley	86 66
O. M. Bennett	71 60
R. F. Colburn	43 74
J. L. Sargent	10 93
James Gately	10 85
Julia Hazen, gravel	18 70
Jonas Holden, gravel	7 63
W. H. Cram, gravel	2 95
M. W. Longley, gravel	7 00
George Holden	1 62

James Welsh,	$4 86	
James Conoley,	6 48	
John Main,	6 48	
Philip Main,	2 43	
Patrick Shucroe,	4 05	
Peasley & Farrar,	36	
S. B. Scott,	1 62	
Edw. Wheeler,	1 62	
A. W. Farrar,	1 25	
Edwin L. White,	32 88	
Wm. M. Park,	3 12	
	———	$1090 29

REMOVING SNOW.

Dexter Bruce	$ 48
S. Farnsworth	3 06
E. G. Adams	3 04
Stillman P. Holden	5 52
S. B. Scott	9 52
Chas. A. Bulger	6 88
John Gordon	2 40
Stephen Reardon	2 90
Arthur Seymore	5 60
L. J. Farnsworth	4 12
John W. Farrar	3 04
Peter Butcher	2 40
Rufus Fletcher	4 64
Jerry Marshall	4 63
Henry M. Holden	5 99
John H. Ordway	2 08
George Farnsworth	4 16
Olof Nelson	4 16
Michael H. Gately	5 97
Jonas Longley	4 72
John W. Thacher & Son	7 28

G. A. DeVarney	$4 86
John H. Caton	3 00
Henry A. Sawtell & Son	5 60
Waldo G. Farnsworth	4 16
Henry Elmer	5 74
Samuel Sandlin	5 98
Lewis Stebbins	3 20
John M. Adams	45 50
Nelson Bodah	64
William Willis	3 68
Fred Cross	5 28
Edward DeVarney	4 80
Melvar M. Farnsworth	3 04
James Bulger	4 00
Charles J. Bruso	2 43
George A. Adams	7 69
William Bulger	4 64
Frank E. Wheeler	5 18
Fred Wheeler	2 50
J. Flynn	9 20
A. B. Cram	1 60
George Holden	6 08
Augustus Holden	4 80
H. W. Farrar	9 44
Herbert Holden	5 12
Michael T. Geary	1 60
Amos L. Parker	14 97
Geo. L. Farrar	7 68
Amos W. Farrar	2 56
C. J. Cronin	1 12
L. Jenkins	8 96
Albert Adams	5 44
Henry W. Lawton	48
N. C. Anderson	20 80
Thos. H. Fealy	2 56
N. L. Warren	5 36
Victor Burke	5 44

Joseph Dorr	$4 48	
Mitchel Lambert	5 44	
A. S. Young	88	
W. H. Young	70	
James Young	1 28	
Oscar Harradon	4 00	
James Gately	2 48	
E. L. White, cash paid sundry persons for breaking roads in March	64 44	
J. P. Thompson	20 89	
Nathan Holden	3 04	
George H. Adams	2 24	
G. W. Randlett	3 12	
Edward J. Holden	4 80	
David Huston	5 67	
E. S. Parker	1 28	
George C. Boutwell	96	
Joel C. Neat	4 00	
Hezzie Spaulding	8 48	
R. F. Colburn	64	
J. C. Ayers	1 28	
A. H. Fairbanks	1 90	
E. L. Fairbanks	7 20	
Charles W. Latham	64	
Joseph Dawborn	72	
Graves Bros.	2 80	
Emery Williams	3 20	
A. M. Holden	11 20	
Wilson & Holbrook	2 32	
Seth R. Holden	1 76	
Charles E. Dodge	5 60	
W. H. Wilson	56	
S. Leroy Longley	3 84	
Conant Bros. & Co., shovels	76	
		$510 32

BRIDGES.

John M. Adams, labor	$9 50	
George A. Adams, labor	1 62	
G. M. Ballou, labor and stock	10 37	
Conant Bros. & Co., nails	91	
Emery Williams, labor	4 00	
Edwin L. White, plank	42 05	
Edwin L. White, labor	10 50	
Wm. M. Park, labor	2 00	
		$80 95
A. A. Fillebrown, soldering cap on White bridge	$4 80	
David Huston, painting White bridge	18 78	
J. C. Ayers, painting White bridge	8 00	
N. A. Holden, irons for White bridge	5 75	
Edwin L. White, labor and plank for White bridge	47 80	
L. Sherwtn & Co., sundries for White bridge	31 48	
Wm. M. Park, labor on White bridge	11 00	
		$127 61
Received from the town of Ayer, for one half of expense of repairing White bridge		$63 80

RAILINGS AND GUIDE POSTS.

John M. Adams	$20 50	
George A. Adams	6 64	
James Corley	5 27	
Edmund A. Jenkins	4 90	
Albert Butler	2 60	
Edwin L. White	3 62	
		$43 53

Edwin L. White, setting one guide post	$ 75	
G. M. Ballou, for six guide boards	2 50	
G. W. Sanderson, for seventeen guide boards	24 00	
		$27 25

REPAIRS TO TOOLS FOR ROADS.

C. H. Miner	$8 20	
Geo. Tyler	8 00	
Waite Bros.	4 70	
C. H. Miner	9 80	
N. A. Holden	3 00	
Emery Williams	12 86	
Edwin L. White	75	
		$47 31
Amount of bridge plank and guide posts on hand	$50 00	
Amount of tools and implements on hand	250 00	
		$300 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. H. Turner, printing town reports	$33 00	
J. H. Turner, printing school reports	11 50	
Wm. M. Park, labor in village cemetery	21 44	
R. F. Colburn, labor in village cemetery	3 50	
J. C. Ayers, labor in center cemetery	5 10	
George Holden, labor in center cemetery	6 00	
A. A. Plympton, professional services per order of school committee	4 00	

N. J. Rowell, horse-hire taking census	$3	00
A. S. Jackson, repairs to engine hose, etc.	22	82
C. H. Miner, care of engine	15	00
Peasley & Farrar, oil, etc., for engine		30
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies for engine	3	66
E. L. White, time and expense about hose at Shirley Village and Boston	3	00
John W. Thacher, keys for town house	1	15
H. O. Peasley, insuring town house	33	60
E. L. White, wood for town house	17	94
A. A. Warner, lantern for engine house		83
R. M. Priest, glass for engine house		65
O. F. Lawrence, lock for hearse house		50
Greenough, Hopkins & Cushing, naturalzation blanks	1	85
J. W. Thacher, stationery and postage		60
E. L. White, stationery and postage	2	07
Jonas Longley, dog license blanks	1	00
H. S. Hazen, postage, stationery and express	1	94
Wm. M. Park, postage and express		94
Jonas Longley, postage and express	2	25
Jacob P. Hazen, postage and carfare	3	00
G. C. Boutwell, expense to Boston	1	40
Jonas Longley, time and expense to Townsend	1	50
Jacob P. Hazen, telegram and express	1	94
Jonas Longley, labor drying safe	10	50
Jonas Longley, drying books in safe	12	00
E. L. White, safe and pauper cases	1	60
E. L. White, book about roads		50
J. Thissell, survey and plan of roads	22	00
Warren H. Atwood, advise to town officers	40	60

A. A. Warner, repairing town pump	$6 50
W. H. Cram, transporting teacher	50
G. P. Penniman, visit and services to diseased cattle	12 00
E. L. White, expense in foot-rot case	2 55
J. W. Thacher, expense in foot-rot case	1 50
W. M. Park, expense in foot-rot case	2 75
E. L. White, paid for burying dog	25
A. A. Plympton, services as auditor for 1888 and 1889	3 00
A. A. Plympton, returning births	1 75
C. J. Peirce, returning births	1 75
John E. Parsons, returning births	75
Rand, Avery Co., employment blanks	2 00
O. F. Lawrence, returning deaths	2 50
Seth Holden, returning deaths	50
O. F. Lawrence, services as sexton	22 00
Seth Holden, services as sexton	15 00
Jonas Longley, recording births, marriages and deaths	16 25
Albert Adams, administering oaths to town officers	3 50
J. W. Thacher, refreshments for Thissell and man	50
S. B. Scott, services as truant officer	2 00
W. H. Cram, services as truant officer	1 50
W. H. Cram, collecting taxes 1887	111 54
W. H. Cram, abatement of taxes	36 00
Thomas K. Fiske, for watering trough	3 00
Gilbert Cook, for watering trough	3 00
W. B. Wilson, for watering trough for three years to Feb. 27, 1889	9 00
Peasley & Farrar, refreshments for G. A. R.	5 91
W. M. Park, expense for Decoration day	1 40

Geo. S. Boutwell Post 48, G. A. R., Decoration day	$17 69	
Geo. C. Boutwell, telegrams and express	4 60	
		$583 87

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Shirley. For the year 1887.

PERSONS EXEMPTED FROM PAYING POLL TAX:

John Burno, paid at Lancaster.
Harry Burnell, left town.
Owen Doyle, left town.
John Devarney, paid in Lancaster.
Charles Davis, paid in Townsend.
Henry W. Farrar, paid in Ayer.
Albert Fuller, infirm.
L. B. Grigson, left town.
James Hutchins, left town.
Tuffy Lambert, paid in Lancaster.
Thomas Normandy, left town.
Michael O'Brien, left town.
Martin O'Mealey, deceased.
Frank Rockwood, paid in Brookline, N. H.
Ephraim Seymore, worthless fellow.
Hilda Stebbins, worthless fellow.
Thomas A. Whittaker, left town.
Edwin L. Sanderson, poverty.

H. EDGARTON,
T. L. HAZEN,
J. E. GARDNER, } Assessors of Shirley.

Shirley, Feb. 15, 1889.

PAUPERS.

Louisa Bruce, aid to Mrs. G. C. Andrews	$143 57	
C. J. Pierce, M. D., aid to Mrs. G. C. Andrews	36 00	
Waite Bros., aid to Mrs. G. C. Andrews	10 50	
		$190 07
Louisa Bruce, aid to John Fletcher	$130 00	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to John Fletcher	40	
Peasley & Farrar, aid to John Fletcher	1 27	
		131 67
Waite Bros., aid to Mary Daily	$53 25	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Mary Daily	7 01	
Albert Butler, aid to Mary Daily	90	
		61 16
Thaddeus Balcom, aid to Benjamin G. Earmer	$121 32	
C. J. Pierce, M. D. aid to Benjamin G. Farmer	5 50	
		126 82
Life Baldwin, aid to Caroline Orcutt		260 00
M. H. Brownson, aid to Mrs. David Hartwell	$1 35	
Emily S. Huston, aid to Mrs. David Hartwell	2 50	
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., aid to Mrs. David Hartwell	7 50	
Peasley & Farrar, aid to Mrs. David Hartwell	66 97	
		78 32

Mary L. Newman, aid to Dexter B. Crosby	$156 00	
C. & G. H. Bixby, aid to Dexter B. Crosby	8 40	
		$164 40
C. M. Miller, aid to Daniel Holden	$135 00	
Peasley & Farrar, aid to Daniel Holden	9 90	
Edwin L. White, time and expense for Daniel Holden	2 50	
		147 40
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Frank Burno		104 90
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Caton family		59 50
John E. Parsons, M. D. aid to C. C. Morgan		5 00
Town of Petersham, aid to Abel Hastings and wife		112 09
A. A. Plimpton, M. D., aid to Elsie Emerson		26 25
Worcester Insane Asylum, aid to Charles E. Wheeler	$169 92	
Edwin L. White, expense to Worcester about Charles E. Wheeler	1 70	
		171 62
City of Lowell, aid to Joel Griffin		66 76
W. B. Warren, M. D., aid to George Washington		2 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for support of Caroline Washington at State Industrial School		6 86
		$1714 82

PAUPERS HAVING SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

Conant Bros., aid to Wm. C. Lapoint's family	$156 00	
C. J. Pierce, D. D., aid to Wm. C. Lapoint's family	23 50	
		$179 50
Conant Bros., aid to Mason Jones		16 00
O. F. Lawrence, burial expenses of Julia Hunt		13 50
Mary L. Newman, aid to Minnie Collins	23 00	
Edwin L. White, time and expense, Minnie Collins' case	6 80	
John W. Thacher, time and expense, Minnie Collins' case	2 00	
		31 80
Conant Bros., aid to Joseph Piper		4 00
		$244 80

STATE PAUPERS.

O. F. Lawrence, burying John Fement	$13 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., aid to Josephine Fement	2 00	
		15 50
Wm. M. Park, carried Hilda Stebbins to State alms-house		2 50
		$18 00

TRAMPS.

A. W. Farrar, keeping 114 tramps, 25 cts	$28 50	
Olof Nelson, keeping 2 tramps	1 00	
Dexter Bruce, keeping 43 tramps, 35 cts	15 05	
Edwin L. White, aid to tramps	1 00	
Wm. M. Park, aid to tramps	2 15	
		$47 70

MILITARY AID.

CHAP. 301.

Mary A. Howard	$24 00	
Henry Elmer	48 00	
Sarah Ames	48 00	
G. P. Travis	27 00	
E. A. Travis	48 00	
Joel C. Neat	48 00	
William Williams	72 00	
Joanna O'Neil	32 00	
		$347 00

SALARIES.

Thomas L. Hazen, services as Assessor	$45 00
Mrs. N. J. Rowell, services as Secretary of School Committee, and taking census of children	57 00
Henry Edgarton, services as Assessor	45 00
Jacob P. Hazen, services as School Committee	50 00
Jonas Longley, services as Town Clerk	10 00
Jonas Longley, services as Registrar	5 00
John E. Gardner, services as Assessor, 1887–8	6 25

John E. Gardner, services as Assessor, 1888–9	$45 00	
Herman S. Hazen, services as Treasurer	40 00	
George C. Boutwell, services as School Committee	50 00	
Edwin L. White, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	90 00	
Edwin L. White, services as Registrar	5 00	
John W. Thacher, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	70 00	
John W. Thacher, services as Registrar	5 00	
William M. Park, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor	70 00	
William M. Park, services as Registrar	5 00	
		$598 25

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

L. S. Phelps, binding magazines	$16 55	
Baker Brothers, book covers	10 50	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books	74 64	
Thomas L. Hazen, rent of room	25 00	
L. S. Phelps, binding books for library	8 05	
Mrs. E. H. Conant, books for library	10 25	
library	10 25	
Mrs. E. H. Conant, insurance on library	5 01	
		$150 00

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	$2369 20	
Transporting Scholars	69 00	
Repairs to school houses	184 86	
School books, &c.	241 01	
		$2864 07

Highways	$1090 29	
Removing snow	510 32	
Bridges, railings and guide posts	279 34	
Repairs to tools for highways	47 31	
Incidental expenses	583 87	
Paupers	1714 82	
Paupers having settlement elsewhere	244 80	
State Paupers	18 00	
Tramps	47 70	
Military aid, Chap. 301	347 00	
Salaries	598 25	
Shirley Public Library	150 00	
		$5631 70
		$8495 77
Amount paid Treasurer by Collector for 1887		$1206 36
Amount paid Treasurer by Collector for 1888	$6307 48	
County tax paid by Collector for 1888	505 02	
Amount due from Collector for 1888	1442 23	
		$8254 73

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due Parker School Fund loan	$2993 46	
Interest to March 1, 1889	64 85	
Due Betsey D. Hazen loan	1400 00	
Interest to March 1, 1889	16 75	
		$4475 06

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Due to Rufus Fletcher, notes	$500 00
Interest to March 1, 1889	20 29
Due to Orthodox Cong. Society, notes	350 00

Interest to March 1, 1889	14 13	
Due to estate of Samuel M. Carter, note	318 00	
Interest to March 1, 1889	10 64	
Due to Parker School Fund, note	200 00	
Interest to March 1, 1889	3 92	
		1416 98
		$5892 04

Due from Collector for 1888	$1442 23	
From State for Military Aid, Chap. 301	403 00	
From Town of Ayer, for aid to William C. Lapoint's family	381 10	
From City of Boston, for aid to Mason Jones	16 00	
From Town of Oxford, for aid to Joseph Piper	4 00	
From Town of Westboro, for aid to Minnie Collins and child	23 00	
From State for burying John Fement	13 50	
From State for aid to Josephine Fement	2 00	
Cash on hand and in bank	661 12	
		2945 95
Balance against the town		$2946 09

Amount of Henry Cemetery Fund, in Fitchburg Savings Bank, March 1, 1889	$726 20

EDWIN L. WHITE,
JOHN W. THACHER,
WILLIAM M. PARK,

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Shirley.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Herman S. Hazen, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Shirley:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 1, 1888	$134 47	
From Town of Townsend, aid to Cynthia A. Phelps	33 50	
Town of Southbridge, burial of Julia Hunt	13 50	
Town of Ayer, one half repairs on bridge	63 80	
City of Boston, aid to Mason Jones	30 37	
State Treasurer, corporation tax	214 78	
State Treasurer, national bank tax	296 80	
State Treasurer, income of school fund	305 05	
State Treasurer, state aid, Acts 1879, Chap. 252	30 00	
State Treasurer, state aid, Acts 1879, Chap. 301	346 00	
County Treasurer, income of dog fund for 1888	117 88	
Edwin L. White, old bridge plank	4 50	
William M. Park, hay from village cemetery	1 50	
George C. Boutwell, school books and supplies	1 05	
First National Bank of Ayer, interest on deposits	11 05	
Temporary loans	2833 00	
William H. Cram, collector 1887	1206 36	
William H. Cram, collector 1888	6307 48	
		$11,951 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid firemen	$213 50	
State tax	900 00	
Interest on Parker School fund note	119 74	
Interest on Betsy D. Hazen's note	63 00	
Temporary loans	1465 00	
Interest on temporary loans	32 96	
Selectmen's orders	8495 77	
Cash on hand and in bank	661 12	
		$11,951 09

HERMAN S. HAZEN, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending March 1, 1889, and find them correct, in good form, and with proper vouchers for all disbursements made by them.

JAMES GERRISH,
JOHN J. CONANT, } Auditors.
A. A. PLIMPTON,

Shirley, March 5, 1889.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Of the Town of Shirley for the year 1888–9.

State tax	$900 00	
County tax	505 02	
School tax	2000 00	
Highway tax	1000 00	
Incidentals	3500 00	
Memorial	25 00	
Cemeteries	50 00	
Liquors	100 00	
Public library	150 00	
Overlayings	24 71	
		$8254 73

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1888.

Real estate	$553,442 00	
Personal estate	91,496 00	
		$644,938 00
Deduct for exempts		5,920 00
Total taxable property		$639,018 00
Rate per cent per $1000		$12 00

Number of polls	293
Number of houses	290
Number of horses	181
Number of cows	321
Number of sheep	11
Number of swine	39
Number of cattle other than cows	178
Number of acres of land	9254½

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY EDGARTON,
THOMAS L. HAZEN,
J. E. GARDNER,
Assessors of Shirley.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees present to the citizens of Shirley their fourth annual report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1889:

Balance from appropriation of 1887	$ 0 67	
Appropriation at annual meeting	150 00	
Received from entertainment and donations	147 43	
Received for catalogues, fines, etc.	15 57	
		$313 67

Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co. and others, for books	$224 18	
Binding books	24 60	
Baker Bros. covering paper	12 30	
For magazine subscriptions	10 25	
Thos. L. Hazen, for rent	25 00	
Insurance	5 01	
Freight, express, etc.	1 45	
Printing catalogues, cards, etc.	3 00	
Sundries	2 09	
		$307 88
Balance unexpended		$5 79

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Number of books last year	607
Added by purchase	161
Gift	18
Binding periodicals	28
Total	814
Number of pamphlets	25
Number of days library was open	47
Number of persons taking books	257
Number of books taken for home use	3534

The trustees are gratified to report a steady and increasing interest in our Public Library. An extra effort was made to obtain a sum of money to purchase reference books, and the result was exceedingly satisfactory. A generous patronage was given by all to the enterprise, and acknowledgment is due those parties not resident, but whose sympathies were enlisted in the cause. Mrs. Hayes, whose home is at present in Buffalo, showed her interest by heading the list with ten dollars, and her example was followed, by others with various sums amounting to seventy dollars,

which, with the money raised at the entertainment, gave us one hundred and forty-seven dollars for additional expenditure in books. We would also thank those who have given books and periodicals.

Your trustees have the ambition to hope it may be possible to open a reading-room in the near future, as they think it would be patronized and appreciated by a large number of persons. An opportunity would thus be afforded for all who desire to improve leisure hours in self-culture, to do so by giving access to periodicals of the day, as well as the books of the Library. They would also suggest that parents instruct their children in the proper usage of the books borrowed.

Careful attention has been given to the choice of books and the design has been to purchase only the most desirable yet; notwithstanding the care and thought bestowed upon the subject, it is not improbable we have failed to meet the approval of every one. From the great world of books, with our limitations, to select the right ones to place on our shelves is a task requiring good judgment and a thorough knowledge of authors and their works.

The books have been insured from loss by fire for a period of five years. The library has increased in power and influence, and that it may continue a factor for good in the future, we would respectfully suggest an appropriation of at least two hundred dollars for the support and maintenance of the same for the ensuing year.

S. W. LONGLEY,
M. C. HOLDEN,
N. J. ROWELL,
M. J. CONANT,

Trustees of the Shirley Public Library.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF REGISTRATION.

MARRIAGES IN 1888.

Jan.	23.	Joseph Laport and Agnes Stebbins, both of Shirley.
Feb.	8.	John Donovan and Maggie Welton.
Feb.	8.	Hezzie Spaulding and Cora A. Turner, both of Townsend.
Feb.	15.	Jeremiah O'Neil and Annie McNiff, both of Littleton.
Feb.	29.	Warren B. Wilson and Catherine Lee Bonney.
Apl.	2.	Frank S. Hatch and Josephine C. Dustin, both of Townsend.
May	6.	Ernest Bensigar and Annie E. White.
June	3.	George A. Adams and Carrie L. Tetford.
June	10.	Frank P. Rugg and Sara G. McClellan.
Aug.	12.	Thomas Newman and Mary Kesar.
Sept.	4.	Asa A. Adams and Hattie L. Moulton, both of Lunenburg.
Sept.	27.	Walter S. Cook and L. Maria Barker.
Sept.	30.	Edwin L. Sanderson and Rachael E. A. Johnson.
Oct.	17.	Fred P. Porter, Leominister, and Clara E. Davis.
Oct.	29.	Richard C. Walsh and Rose F. Kane.
Nov.	10.	Woodbury A. Kittredge and Alice M. Brown, of Groton.
Nov.	29.	Homer P. Holden and Eva L. Bohanon, both of Nashua, N. H.

BIRTHS IN 1888.

Nineteen births have been registered—thirteen females and six males.

DEATHS IN 1888.

Jan. 3. Hattie M. Hazard, 27 dys,, birthplace Shirley.

Jan. 5. Elizabeth A. Lawton, 60 yrs. 8 mos., birthplace unknown.

Feb. 7. David R. Ladd, 71 yrs. 2 mos. 24 dys., birthplace Laconia, N. H.

Feb. 18. Lyman Eaton, 67 yrs. 1 mo., 4 dys., birthplace Watertown.

Mar. 6. Peter Butcher, 75 yrs., birthplace Canada.

Apl. 14. Harriet Hopkins, 57 yrs. 8 mos., birthplace Pepperell.

Apl. 25. John L. Adams, 58 yrs. 5 mos., birthplace Lunenburg.

May 13. Francis J. Whitney, 71 yrs. 1 mo. 1 dy., birthplace Boston.

May 13. Martha Bulger, 1 yr. 4 mos. 8 dys., birthplace New Brunswick.

May 14. Samuel C. Hazen, 1 yr. 10 mos. 16 dys., birthplace Shirley.

June 7. Sophronia Ayer, 80 yrs. 8 mos. 14 dys., birthplace Rindge, N. H.

June 25. Lillian Davis, 7 dys., birthplace Shirley.

Sept. 2. Freddie W. Jackson, 1 yr. 5 mos. 12 dys., birthplace Clinton.

Sept. 4. Laura A. Woods, 68 yrs. 10 mos. 17 dys., birthplace Lowell.

Sept. 11. Julia Hunt, 13 yrs., birthplace Fitchburg.

Sept. 22. Granville P. Travis, 66 yrs. 8 mos. 13 dys., birthplace Shirley.

Sept. 28. William E. Knight, 25 yrs. 8 mos. 19 dys., birthplace Hyde Park.

Oct. 19. Wm. F. Hews, 81 yrs. 7 mos. 14 dys., birthplace St. John, N. B.

Oct. 29. Ellen M. Kittredge, 37 yrs. 5 mos. 22 dys., birthplace unknown.

Nov. 9. Mary Shuckroe, 27 yrs. 6 mos., birthplace Groton.

Nov. 13. Sally T. Gardner, 91 yrs. 1 mo. 19 dys., birthplace Groton.

Nov. 20. Exilda Butcher, 35 yrs. 5 mos. 15 dys., birthplace Canada.

Sixty-three dogs have been registered from May 1, 1888, to May 1, 1889. The amount of fees received $138.

JONAS LONGLEY, Town Clerk.

PARKER SCHOOL FUND, JUNE 30, 1888.

Notes and securities	$5093 19	
Parker Grove	533 00	
Blacksmith shop	100 00*	
Cash in treasury	42 22	
		$5768 41

SETH CHANDLER, Treasurer.

* Blacksmith shop sold since the close of the current year.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

To Jonas Longley, Clerk of the Town of Shirley, in said County, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required, by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Postoffice in Shirley, and a like copy at the Postoffice in Shirley Village, eight days at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters of said Town, to assemble in the Town Hall, on Monday, the eleventh day of March, instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and of any committee heretofore chosen, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, and all for a longer time.

Art. 4. To vote by ballot, Yes or No, on the, question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools and conveyance of scholars the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the roads the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise the sum of twenty-five dollars for Decoration purposes, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise any sum of money for care of the Cemeteries.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of one hundred dollars to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for all other usual and necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise any sum of money for the support of the Public Library.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will let the collecting of taxes to the lowest bidder, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will make a rate of discount on all taxes paid at such time or times as the Town may determine, and charge a rate of interest on unpaid taxes after such time or times, or act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collecting of taxes, or act thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings, to one of the Selectmen, at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Shirley, this second day of March, A. D. 1889.

EDWIN L. WHITE,
JOHN W. THACHER,
WM. M. PARK,

Selectmen of Shirley.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SHIRLEY

FOR THE

YEAR 1888–89.

AYER, MASS.:
Huntley S. Turner, Pamphlet and Job Printer.

Names of Committee.

JACOB P. HAZEN.
Term expires, 1889.

GEORGE C. BOUTWELL.
Term expires, 1890.

MRS. N. J. ROWELL.
Term expires, 1891.

REPORT.

Fellow Citizens:

The school year has completed its circuit, and according to long established custom and law, your committee present the following report:

The town at its meeting in March, elected as a member of the board, to serve for three years, Mrs. N. J. Rowell. The Board organized by choice of J. P. Hazen, Chairman; Geo. C. Boutwell, Committee on Supplies; Mrs. N. J. Rowll, Secretary. The care of the schools was assigned as follows: Mr. Hazen, Grammar and Shaker; Mrs. Rowell, Primary and Intermediate; Mr. Boutwell, Centre, North and East. At the beginning of the Fall term, the East was transferred to Mr. Hazen, an arrangement which continued during the year. The number of pupils in town on the first of May, between five and fifteen years of age, was two hundred and two. The number enrolled in the several schools, as attending during the year, is two hundred and twenty-four.

The several schools have been in session the following number of weeks: Grammar, thirty-six; Intermediate, thirty-four; Primary, thirty-five; North, thirty-three; East, thirty; Centre, thirty-two; Shaker, twenty-one. The aggregate number of weeks that the schools have been in session is two hundred and twenty-one, an increase of thirteen weeks over the year 1887–88.

At the beginning of the school year, the Committee thought best to make some new arrangement in regard to the Shaker School, and therefore had a meeting to consult

with those in authority at the Shaker Community, to see if they would allow their scholars transferred to the Village Schools. It was urged by the Committee that the pupils could be accommodated and well taught without additional expense, except for transportation; or if this plan were not considered feasible, it was suggested that those children not belonging to the Shaker Settlement, but living near the Shaker School, might be allowed to attend that school, the School Committee providing a teacher outside of the Shaker Community; but no satisfactory arrangement could be effected, and the Committee reluctantly acquiesced in giving them a school as heretofore, employing one of their own number as teacher. This was done with the understanding that they should have but twenty weeks schooling for which they should receive one hundred dollars. The school, however, was in session for the Spring and Fall terms, twenty-one weeks. The school has not been in charge of the School Committee during the Winter term, but has been a private school, supported by, and in charge of the Shaker Community. Some of the citizens have complained to the School Board for allowing any aid to this school, on the ground that it is a Sectarian School, and should not be supported from public funds. It appears to the Committee that the proper solution is for the Town to decide how much, if any, of the money raised for the support of schools, the coming year, should be given to the Shaker Community, thus putting an end to the question for the present. The number of scholars, between eight and fourteen years of age, attending this school, during the Spring term, was, four; during the Fall term, six. The law does not oblige towns to support a school for so small a number of pupils.

The advancement in the several schools has been quite satisfactory, and the work accomplished has been all that could reasonably be expected. New theories have been put in practice in nearly all the schools, and the pupils seem to

be delighted with their work. We hope the Normal course of instruction will be continued for the next year, and for future years.

We desire to repeat what was presented for your consideration in the last annual report in regard to the importance of punctuality in attendance. There has been some improvement in this respect, and with continued labor on the part of all, a far better record can be made in the coming year.

The Committee fully appreciate the co-operation they have received from the many parents and friends who have expressed their interest by visiting the schools and by otherwise helping on the good work.

MUSIC.

A new feature was introduced in the Primary School at the beginning of the Winter term, by the aid of a Normal Music Chart, purchased of Silver, Burdett & Co., and although it has been used but a short time, the pupils have made marked progress in the first steps of music. The following is taken from a paper on music in the Public Schools, read before the Normal Music Teachers' Association in Boston, by M. L. Hawley, Supt. of Schools, Gloucester, Mass.:

"I strive to impress my teachers with the notion that music-reading does not differ essentially from other reading,—that, if you begin with the mechanical idea and teach the pupil scientific definitions and mathematical facts, including the marking of time by physical movements, you are approaching the subject in precisely the same way that oral reading was formerly taught, and is yet, in the majority of schools throughout the country.

Certainly that old system of reading by which the child was first taught his letters, and then compelled to form them into those interesting stories, the *a–b abs*, and later into the still more diverting combinations of *baker* and *butler*, *et id genus omne;* and lastly, when he had reached the dignity of connected sentences, lest by chance an idea might

creep in, he was put into the strait-jacket of punctuation-marks, counting one for the comma, two for the semicolon, and four for the period (to say nothing of reading sentences backwards as well as forwards, practising on rising and falling slides, circumflexes, accent and emphasis, with no thought of the meaning of all this jumble of words and mechanical appliances),—certainly, I repeat, there is no teacher worthy of the name who will stand up and defend this ancient and illogical system.

Reading has been taken out of this harness, and the mind of the child brought in contact with the thought from the beginning, trusting to its power to control expression. The forms which hold it are only incidentally taught, and are acquired without difficulty and almost unconsciously. Results have invariably shown the superiority of this method. Instead of being a showy performance, reading has now become a great aid to mental discipline.

I believe music can be taught in like manner by bringing the child's mind in contact with *its* thought, which is harmony. When its divine influence begins to thrill the soul, a new life and spirit come into the singing. The child then learns that music is something more than a jingle of words and sounds, and the desire to give full expression to his ideas and feelings will enable him to overcome all obstacles."

For a long time suggestions have been made to the Board by those having children in the Grammar and Primary Departments, in relation to better heating facilities for these rooms. It seems to be the prevailing opinion that furnaces could be procured to do better work than the stoves now in use, and a more even heat be obtained. This would be attended with quite an expenditure at first, but it might prove to be a more economical way of heating, after it had once been established. The Committee would need instruction from the Town in order to make this expenditure. The suggestion is given with the hope that the Town will give it serious consideration.

In conclusion, your Committee feel that a new impetus has been given to the welfare of education in this town, and that a higher standard of excellence may yet be attained by continued perseverance and labor.

"Look up and not down;
Look forward and not back;
Look out and not in;
Lend a hand."

ROLL OF HONOR.

Not Absent or Tardy.

FOR THE YEAR.

Eugene Sleeper, of the North School.

TWO TERMS.

Edith L. Conant,
Mabel R. White,
Mabel K. Latham,
Sylvia A. White,
Ada F. Latham,
Dennis O'Neil.

ONE TERM.

Cora L. Holden,
Grace M. Kilburn,
Mary E. Hazen,
Bertha L. Conant,
Mabel A. Sargent,
Agnes M. Pettis,
Eva I. Ellis,
Erwin H. Livermore,
Herbert E. White,
Edward J. Pomfret,
Lewis Mushreal,
Willard White,
Willie J. Dawborn.
Ella Cleaves,
Hattie L. Fuller,
Lizzie G. White,
Marion M. Conant,
Cora B. Thompson,
Nellie M. Spaulding,
Sadie A. Chaplin,
John W. Pomfret,
Edward Katen,
Harry Bean,
Jerry Mushreal,
Lawrence Cronin,
Henry W. Lawton.

TRUANCY.

The following report has been received by the Committee from the Truant Officers:

To the School Committee of Shirley:

This is to certify that in April last, I made complaint to the District Court at Ayer, against Joel Griffin and Edward Young for truancy. They were found guilty. Joel Griffin was sentenced to the Truant School at Lowell for six months, and Edward Young was placed on probation by paying fines and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAM.

Shirley, Mass., Feb. 20, 1889.

Mr. Cram also reports four cases of truancy besides the above, and S. B. Scott, Truant Officer, certifies to being called upon for seven cases of truancy.

Special effort has been made the past year to follow closely all cases of truancy, and the Committee are satisfied that it has had a healthy influence, and that the nuisance is somewhat abated.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

For the School Year 1888–89.

Town appropriation	$2000 00	
Massachusetts School Fund	305 05	
Dog tax	117 88	
		$2422 93
Salaries of teachers	$2154 00	
Care of school-rooms, fuel, &c.	215 20	
		2369 20
Balance unexpended		$53 73

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HAZEN,
GEO. C. BOUTWELL, } School Committee.
MRS. N. J. ROWELL.

Shirley, Mass., Feb'y 27, 1889.

ACCOUNT OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Books and supplies on hand March 1, 1888.	$139 03	
Bought of J. L. Hammett	44 61	
Boston School Supply Co.	20 58	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	30 18	
Harper & Bros.	18 24	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	7 56	
Porter & Coates	5 00	
A. C. Stockin	11 77	
Wm. Ware & Co	5 00	
Harrison Hume	1 50	
Express on books and supplies	1 40	
		$284 87
Books and supplies on hand March 1, 1889		163 45
		$121 42

GEO. C. BOUTWELL, Committee on Supplies.

Shirley, March 1, 1889.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	NO. MONTHS OF SCHOOL.	WHOLE NO. OF SCHOLARS.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	OVER FIFTEEN.	UNDER FIVE.	BETWEEN EIGHT AND FOURTEEN.	WAGES PER MONTH.
CENTER.								
Nellie D. Winn,	1	2½	14	13			12	$38.00
A. E. Hitchcock,	2	2¾	21	16	1		17	38.00
M. Lizzie Harty,	3	2¾	21	17	1		17	40.00
GRAMMAR.								
Arthur N. Whitney,	1	3	22	15	4		18	60.00
E. F. De Normandie,								64.00
G. Austin Smith,	2	3	22	15	2		20	50.00
	3	3	23	19	4		19	55.00
INTERMEDIATE.								
Sarah J. Wyman,	1	2¾	34	23			29	40.00
Sarah L. Copeland,	2	2¾	39	28			31	40.00
	3	3	31	21			25	40.00
PRIMARY.								
Florence M. Whitcomb,	1	2¾	58	38	1	1	22	36.00
Ada A. Billings,	2	3	65	49			33	40.00
	3	3	55	39			35	45.00
NORTH.								
Sarah L. Dinsmore,	1	2¾	26	20		2	19	36.00
	2	3	26	20			20	36.00
	3	2½	19	17	2		13	36.00
EAST.								
Sara E. Longley,	1	2½	14	11	2		10	32.00
Nellie E. Leavitt,	2	2¾	15	10	2		9	32.00
	3	2¼	14	12	2		11	36.00
SHAKER.								
Annie Bell Tuttle,	1	2½	6	6	2		4	20.00
	2	2¾	6	6	3		6	20.00

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